



This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

### Usage guidelines

Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

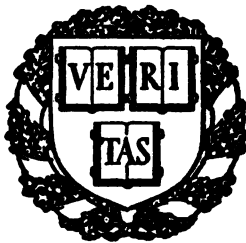
We also ask that you:

- + *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- + *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.
- + *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.
- + *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

### About Google Book Search

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at <http://books.google.com/>

Bn 1745.39



**Harvard College Library**

BOUGHT FROM THE FUND

BEQUEATHED BY

**FRANCIS SALES**

INSTRUCTOR IN SPANISH AND FRENCH

1816-1854





WINTINGDONSHIRE

AND THE

SPANISH ARMADA

BY MACKRETH NOBLE











0

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE AND THE SPANISH ARMADA.

EDITED FROM ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS.

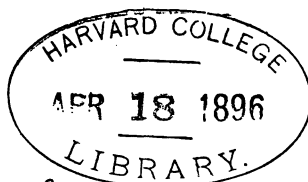
*William* BY  
W. MACKRETH NOBLE, B.A.,  
*Rector of Wistow, Hunts.*

'Attend all ye who list to hear our noble England's praise;  
I sing of the thrice famous deeds she wrought in ancient days,  
When that great fleet invincible, against her bore, in vain,  
The richest spoils of Mexico, the stoutest hearts in Spain.'  
LORD MACAULAY.

LONDON:  
ELLIOT STOCK, 62, PATERNOSTER ROW, E.C.  
1896.

~~3482.33~~

*Bv 1745.39*



*Sales fund.*

DEDICATED TO

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DE RAMSEY



## P R E F A C E.

---

THE following account of the preparations made in this county to resist the Spanish Armada in the year 1588 is taken principally from a manuscript once in the possession of Lord de Ramsey, but now in the British Museum.

The manuscript contains the muster roll of the company commanded by Oliver Cromwell (the date being June 3, 1588), copies of several despatches from the Government of the day, as well as of letters from Sir Henry Cromwell, who took a prominent part in organizing the forces of the county.

Perhaps nothing could show the position in the county occupied by the Cromwell family, or the national spirit of loyalty to Queen and country and determination to resist the invader, more plainly than these documents.

Never before or since, we may suppose, has loyalty reached such a pitch of enthusiastic devotion as when the Queen (Elizabeth), in speaking to her troops at Tilbury, said that, though a woman, she had the heart of a King, and of a KING OF ENGLAND too, and that rather than survive the ruin and slavery of her people, she would herself lead her soldiers into battle and die with them.

But previous to this speech of the Queen, evidence was forthcoming as to her subjects' disposition. In a letter written by Lord St. John from Hinchinbrook, dated May 2, 1588, he says :

'I am further to commend unto your Lordships particularlie the great willingness and careful endeavours of this gentleman,

Sir H. Cromwell, in this service, as well for his furtherance in the general advancement hereof, in the shire, as for his own private charges in furnishing of a very large number of horsemen in most serviceable manner to his greater cost and expense. The which if it may please your Lordships to render unto him thankful acceptance of and by your honour means to procure her majesty to take knowledge thereof, which gracious liking it will procure him to persevere, and draw others to follow his good example. Thus Like I am to entreat you of Sir Edward Wingfield, who besides a large proportion of horsemen, by him furnished, hath also let in the county a band of 150 footmen well appointed and trained at his own charge to be employed in her Majesty's service.

'The meaner sort of gentlemen have also behaved well, and may appear to your Lordships by their voluntary offers.'

To oppose the Spaniards in case they should effect a landing in England put into the field three armies, variously estimated at from 90,000 to over 130,000 men. One of these armies guarded the southern coast, another was held in reserve to be sent wherever required, and the third was stationed at Tilbury to defend London.

With the last of these three armies were the Huntingdonshire troops.

In order to prevent the Spaniards landing, 191 vessels were equipped by the English—much smaller, however, than those of the Spanish navy. The Channel fleet was under the command of Lord Howard of Effingham, who was the husband of the only child of the Lord St. John so frequently mentioned in this book. Under him were the best and bravest captains of the day among them Drake, Hawkins, and Frobisher.

Lord Howard's fleet engaged the Armada in the Channel, and after a running fight the Spanish fleet anchored off Calais, hoping to be able to reach Flanders and take on board the thirty or forty thousand troops furnished by the Duke of Parma.

News having reached Tilbury of the gallant fight the Channel fleet was making against such overwhelming odds, Lord Henry Seymour, who was in command of the Thames fleet intended to

guard London,\* left that duty to the troops at Tilbury, sailed out to support Lord Howard, and joined him off Calais.

Eight fire-ships were sent amongst the Spanish fleet while at anchor during the night. This so alarmed the admiral that he ordered the cables to be cut. The English fleet then fell upon the Spaniards while in confusion, got between them and the port where they hoped to land, and drove them northwards.

The wind being south-west, the Spaniards had no alternative but to sail into the North Sea, try to round Scotland, and so reach home.

In the fighting of July and August the Spaniards lost fifteen ships, seventeen were wrecked on the coast of Ireland, and many were never heard of again, so that fifty-two battered hulks were all that returned to Spain of that magnificent armament which was too boastfully called 'The Invincible Armada.'

The manuscripts give the exact date of the arrival in the country of the news of the beginning of the fighting (pp. 22, 23),

\* The Thames fleet consisted of the

<i>Vanguard,</i>	250 men,	Capt.	Sir Wm. Winter.
<i>Rainebowe,</i>	250 "	"	L <sup>d</sup> Hen. Seymour.
<i>Antelope,</i>	250 "	"	Sir H. Palmer.
<i>Bull,</i>	100 "	"	Turner.
<i>Tiger,</i>	100 "	"	(* * * *)
<i>Tremontance,</i>	70 "	"	Luke Ward.
<i>Scowt,</i>	70 "	"	Astley.
<i>Achates,</i>	60 "	"	Rigges.
<i>Martin,</i>	35 "	"	Boore.
<i>Sonne,</i>	30 "	"	White.
<i>Signett,</i>	20 "	"	Ward.
<i>George,</i>	20 "	"	Hodges.
<i>The Galley,</i>		"	Borrough.

1255 men.

The above vessels belonged to the Royal Navy, but in addition Lord Seymour had three 'Hoies' from Ipswich and Harwich, five ships and one pinnace from the Cinque Ports, one ship from Colchester, one from Aldborough, one ship and one pinnace from each of Yarmouth and Lynn, and two ships and one pinnace from Hull.

which came apparently by letter, not by beacon-light, as Lord Macaulay says. It is remarkable, too, that it was transmitted by Lord Mordaunt, whose sister was a 'Recusant' (p. 3).

They also show that some regard was still paid to the old divisions into hundreds, each hundred being required to furnish about one hundred men.

Sir Henry Cromwell's speeches are valuable as indicating the feeling that animated the nation, and though his language is 'strong,' to have suppressed them would have been to give a false idea of the times, the issues at stake, and of Sir Henry himself.

History is only valuable when truly reported.

To Lord de Ramsey, for so kindly allowing him the use of his valuable manuscripts, the editor begs to tender his sincere thanks



## *HUNTINGDONSHIRE AND THE ARMADA.*

---

THE year 1588 was an eventful one for England. Elizabeth had now been thirty years Queen, but the executions that had taken place in the reign of her predecessor and half-sister Mary were not forgotten, nor was the fact that these persons had died for their faith, or that the persecutors were Romanists; and now, when it was said that Philip of Spain, the husband of the late Queen, was preparing to invade England, many a heart beat anxiously.

The Netherlands, which were held as provinces of Spain, had revolted, and had received aid from Elizabeth, who allowed her subjects to serve in the armies of the revolted provinces; and this, on the one hand, and the burning alive of English seamen, on the other, and various acts of retaliation, led ultimately to an open breach between the two countries.

Sir Francis Drake, with twenty ships, was sent to attack the Spanish settlements in the West Indies, and the Earl of Leicester took the command of an army that operated in the Netherlands. This was in the year 1585; but it was not until 1587 that Elizabeth, hearing that Philip was determined to extirpate heresy in England and make the country itself an appanage of the Spanish

crown, sent an expedition to ravage the coasts of Spain. One hundred Spanish ships were destroyed off Cadiz, as well as a quantity of stores, collected for the purpose of invading England. This seems only to have roused Philip to make more extensive preparations; vessels of great size were built, soldiers and sailors were mustered, and all was ready to sail early in the year 1588.

The 'Invincible Armada,' as it was called, consisted of 130 ships, 30,655 officers and men, 2,080 galley-slaves, 90 hangmen, or executioners, and 19 justices. The ships carried 2,360 pieces of ordnance. The Armada was under the command of the experienced Admiral Santa Cruz, but on his dying, just at a critical time, the command was entrusted to the Duke of Medina Sidonia, who was not only incompetent, but knew of his incompetency, and would have been glad to be relieved of his post.

Nor were the English idle. The royal navy of 34 ships was in a state of readiness, and privateers were supplied by individuals and towns. London sent 30 ships—double the number required—the nobility and gentry supplied 43 more, the navy being under the command of Lord Howard of Effingham, a sailor of consummate skill and undaunted courage. Lord Henry Seymour and Sir Francis Drake each commanded a portion of the navy under him.

The object of the Spanish Admiral was to make his way to the Netherlands, and there ship 30,000 troops from the Duke of Parma's army, and with this additional force to invade England.

But England was determined to make a desperate resistance. If her fleet, her outer defence, failed her, the Spaniard should be met on land, and though some doubted the issue, and some were lukewarm, yet stout hearts resolved that if England were conquered, the in-

vader should win his way foot by foot, over the bodies of England's sons.

Among all those who proved their patriotism at this critical time none was more energetic or loyal than Sir Henry Cromwell, of Hinchbrook, 'the Golden Knight.'

But from every shire, from every town, village, and hamlet in the land, the most stalwart, the picked men, went out and marched as ordered to meet an enemy known to be better equipped than themselves, and an army composed of the best troops in the world. There was much anxiety, of course, but a fierce determination not to be beaten animated the great heart of the nation.

There was just one weak point. Some still clung to the old faith, and would be glad to see the country once more professing obedience to the Pope. How would they act? Would they throw in their lot with the enemy, or would patriotism lead them to stand by their country?

Many of the gentry and others who were known to be Romanists—for example, Sir Thomas Tresham, of the neighbouring county of Northants; Robert Aprice, of Washingley; Ralph Haddock, also of Washingley; Ann Taylor, of Offord; and Mrs. Mordaunt, of Tetworth—were detained, the first in the Bishop's palace at Ely, Mr. Aprice in the custody of Sir Hen. Darcy of Laynton (Leighton?), the next two in gaol, and the last was entrusted to the care of her brother, Lord Mordaunt. This detention was ostensibly for fear the people should invoke lynch law, really because the Queen felt it safer to prevent any treasonable act on their part.

But as a body the Romanists stood patriotically shoulder to shoulder with their Protestant fellow-subjects.

In those days communication was difficult, for this was

centuries before the days of railroads and telegraphs; roads were bad, but every prominent hill had its beacon of dry wood and inflammable material, and every beacon its watchman ready to flash the signal to his neighbours and to other watchers—a signal that meant ‘The Spaniards are coming! Soldiers, go and meet them.’ There was no standing army; but the ‘train-bands,’ composed principally of young farmers and tradesmen, were called out when required to serve as infantry, the cavalry being furnished by the higher classes, sometimes two or three combining to keep one soldier in the field, copyholders being bound to serve their lord, under certain conditions.

The train-bands of each county were under the Lord-Lieutenant, who received his instructions direct from the Privy Council. He issued instructions to his marshal, who in turn gave orders to the constables and other officers, the marshal being responsible for the proper training and equipment of the men.

The marshal commanded the cavalry; the infantry were commanded by captains, each captain having under him about 200 men.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Hunts was Lord St. John of Bletsoe, Beds; the marshal was Sir Henry Cromwell, of Hinchbrook and Ramsey; and the two captains were Oliver Cromwell, Sir Henry’s eldest son, and George Wauton, of Great Staughton.

The first muttering of a storm soon to break, as given in the Hunts records, is in a letter from Lord St. John to Sir Henry Cromwell, and shows how each man in the country was supposed to be there for his country’s good, and to be ready to lose his life, if need be, at his country’s call. It is undated, but must have been written in April, 1588, and begins abruptly:

'Whereas uppon conference at Huntingdon for the proceeding of her majesty's service y<sup>t</sup> was uppon good consideration thought very convenient to have a selected number out of every hundred within y<sup>e</sup> countie, of persons most meete both in habilitie of bodie and sufficiency of estate to supplie y<sup>e</sup> defects of the former trayned bands and to take the place of those less fitt for the service. Theis therefore shalbe to require yow and by thes presents, to give yow authoritie to addresse yo<sup>r</sup> warrants under yo<sup>r</sup> hands unto every constable and other officer to whom y<sup>t</sup> appertayneth within the hundreth of Hustingstone in the said countie as well in liberties as without to warne to appeare before me at Sapley Leys on the 29 of this moneth (under Oliver Cromwell Esqr) all such fytt and able\* persons for both these respects as y<sup>e</sup> shall knowe or think to be most mete and by yo<sup>r</sup> warrant nomynate and apoynte, etc.

'Yo<sup>r</sup> very Loving frend,

'J<sup>s</sup> SAINT JOHN.'

\* The ablest men, in point of property and of physique, were required by the constable to present themselves, and of them the required number were selected, the persons so selected having no choice in the matter. The following extract from the will of a Warboys man, with the date of proof, goes far to prove that the pressed man in this case lost his life in his country's service :

'I Robert Ffrisbie being now pressed in to y<sup>e</sup> Queen's Majesty's warres doe make me will in manner following. I geve to my sister Francis Ffrisbie my heyfore (heifer) 2 old yewes and a collie yewe the encrease of the shepe I have, two partes to . . . . all my other goods I geve to Joan my wiffe whom I make sole executrix.'

Made February 14, 1599 ; proved March 14, 1600.

In April, 1599, the Earl of Essex landed at Dublin and took command of 18,000 men, intended for the reduction of the Irish rebellion ; but in a few months sickness, tedious marches, etc., had reduced this force to 4,000 men. Ffrisbie may have been engaged in this campaign.



## P R E F A C E.

---

THE following account of the preparations made in this county to resist the Spanish Armada in the year 1588 is taken principally from a manuscript once in the possession of Lord de Ramsey, but now in the British Museum.

The manuscript contains the muster roll of the company commanded by Oliver Cromwell (the date being June 3, 1588), copies of several despatches from the Government of the day, as well as of letters from Sir Henry Cromwell, who took a prominent part in organizing the forces of the county.

Perhaps nothing could show the position in the county occupied by the Cromwell family, or the national spirit of loyalty to Queen and country and determination to resist the invader, more plainly than these documents.

Never before or since, we may suppose, has loyalty reached such a pitch of enthusiastic devotion as when the Queen (Elizabeth), in speaking to her troops at Tilbury, said that, though a woman, she had the heart of a King, and of a KING OF ENGLAND too, and that rather than survive the ruin and slavery of her people, she would herself lead her soldiers into battle and die with them.

But previous to this speech of the Queen, evidence was forthcoming as to her subjects' disposition. In a letter written by Lord St. John from Hinchinbrook, dated May 2, 1588, he says :

'I am further to commend unto your Lordships particularlie the great willingness and careful endeavours of this gentleman,

reserve them for a charg for light horse and musketts of wh. yo<sup>r</sup> L. have some need and especially of horsmen the (proportion) whereof I leave to y<sup>r</sup> L. judgment ; but yf now yow should charg the particular men with this charg of armor, a nomber would escape for a crowne y<sup>t</sup> may better allow a pound and so when yo<sup>r</sup> L. should seem to charg them according to their wealth they will hope by reson of this easy charg to excuse themselves to y<sup>r</sup> Honor whereby to avoyd the greater charge.

‘ Y<sup>r</sup> Honors to command,

‘ HENRY CROMWELL.’

Then, in consequence of the same urgent letter, Sir Henry Cromwell commands all ‘captaynes and other leaders to remayne in the County,’ and ready to start at an hour’s warning, and that the beacons may be put into a proper state and watched ; that all spreaders of rumours likely to cause panic should be speedily and severely dealt with. This is dated June 17, and is written from the ‘Cort’ at Greenwich.

Then, on June 18, showing the exact date of the arrival of news of the Armada being on its way, the Queen issued a proclamation from Greenwich to every Lord-Lieutenant as follows :

‘ RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELBELOVED, — We gret you well. Whereas heretofore uppon the advertizements from tyme to tyme and from sundry places of the great preparations of forren forces with a full intention to invade this our Realme and other our dominions. We gave our dyrections for the preparing of our Subjects within your leefftenancy to be in a redynes and defence against any attempt that might be made against us and our Realme, which dyrections we fynde to be well performed as we



cannot but retayne great contentment thereby. . . . So would we have you make knowne unto them fforasmuch as [they entertain?] the same intention not only of invading but of making a conquest of this our Realme, now constantly more and more . . . confirmed as a matter fully resolved on Being allready an army [put to the seas for that purpose]. Although we doubt not but by God's goodness the same shall prove frustrate we have therefore thought mete to wyll and requyre you to call together at some convenient place the [better] sort of gents under your lieutenancy and to declare unto them, That considering this great preparations and threatenings now burst out in [ ] uppon the seas tending to a proposed conquest wherein every man's estate is in the highest degree to be touched in respect of Country Liberty wife children, lands life and that which is especially to be regarded for the professyon of the trew and sincere Religion of Christ we do look that the most part of them should have uppon this instant extraordinary occasion a larger proportion of furniture both for horsemen and footmen but especially horsemen than have been certified; thereby to be in their beste strength against any attempt whatsoever and to be employed both about our owne person and otherwise as they shall have knowledge given to them. The number of which larger preparation as soon as ye shall know we requyre yow to signify unto our privy Council. And hereunto as we doubt not by your good endeavours they will be rather conformable. So also we assure ourself that almighty God will so bless their loyall hartes borne towardes us their loving sovereign, and their natural country that all the attempts of any ennemies whatsoever shall be made voyde & frustrate to their confusion your comforts and God's high glory.

Given under our signet at our [Cort] at Greenwich the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June the 39<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign.'

On the 20th Lord St. John informs Sir Henry Cromwell of the receipt of the above despatch, and exhorts him to have the cavalry, specially Lancers, augmented in number, and then proceeds:

'I have received straight commandment to take great regard in the allowance of your light horses that the same may be large and of good stature, those shewed at the last musters will not answer wherefore I pray you let good care be had to supply the defects. The petronylls to be provided are to be armed only with curases and moryons wherof y<sup>t</sup> is asked for that the country will set forth some store. Thus hoping you will have such careful regard to the performance hereof as may contynue her Mat<sup>s</sup> good oppynion of yor forwardness as the tyme Requires to the good example of others in the county. I comytt you to God ffrom the cort of Grenewich this 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 1588.

'Your assured loving friend,

'J. SAINT JOHN.'

The following letter was sent on the same day:

'SIR,—This day after your man Wentworth his departure ffrom me, I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from the Secretary requiring in her Mat<sup>s</sup> name a speedy certificate of the Estate of the County of Hunts. I do therefore pray you with all expedition so as the same may be here with me at the Cort on Tewsdays next at the furthest to send me a note how your present bandes are furnished and what wantes be therein to be supplied as also what store of bows and bills remain in the County and what provision there is

for such as shall serve with the same. There is further required an advertisement what martial men are inhabiting or abiding in the county that have heretofore served in the wars in any foreign parts and what charges they have borne together with the names of every such person where. . . . June 20<sup>th</sup> 1588.

‘Your assured friend,

‘J. SAINT JOHN.’

The above would brook no delay, so the Bishop of Lincoln, who seems to have taken a prominent part in the military organization of his diocese, and Sir Henry Cromwell issued from Bugden the following proclamation to the Justices of the County :

‘After our harty commendations having rec<sup>d</sup> the copy of a lettre sent by My L<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant from her highness under her Mat<sup>s</sup> signett the effect whereof you shall understand on Munday at Huntingdon where we pray you to meet us betimes in the morning, desiring you to make out y<sup>e</sup> warrants for all the gent<sup>s</sup> y<sup>t</sup> you know within your hundreds to be there : as they will answer the contrary, dated at Bugden this 22 of June.

‘LYNCOLN.

‘HENRY CROMWELL.’

At the same time an order is issued for the careful watching of the beacons by men of ‘good discretion and substance.’ The High Constables are to see this order carried out, and then to meet Sir Henry for further directions.

A copy of warrant sent to the High Constables ‘for ye repare & watching of ye beacons’ :

‘Theis are in her mat<sup>s</sup> name to charge and comand you that presently uppon the receyt therof you see y<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup>

beacons be in good repace and very dilligently and carefully watched by men of good discretion & substance, and y<sup>r</sup> selves presently to come unto me to receave further dyrections therin. And hereof fayle ye not as you will answer the Contrary this 22 of June.

‘HENRY CROMWELL.’

‘The copy of a lre sent to my L. Leift. from S<sup>r</sup> Henry Cromwell her mat<sup>s</sup> marshall within this Countye:

‘May yt please yo<sup>r</sup> good L. that whereas I have Recēd from you dyvers lrēs as allso coppies with the same L. one from her hignes another from the L. of the councell the which two Lrēs pretend great occasyons both that the gentlemen of the countrey & all so the Captaynes and trayned bandes should be in forwardnes, & Redynes in theis tymes of lyklyhood of Invasyon as the contentes thereof do fully sett at large I have according to the Lrēs dyrected to me from y<sup>r</sup> L. made out certayne dyrections to the justices of peace & gent<sup>s</sup> of the shire to attend uppon the bishopp of Lyncolne and myself at Huntington to morrow Moringe being Mondaye of this moneth the 24 when God willing I will shew unto them the Coppy of the Lrēs from her Mat<sup>s</sup> highnes wh. being shewed I will not omytt to delyv’ unto them what necessety there is for a present furnishinge of themselves to attend uppon yo<sup>r</sup> L. occasyon befor yo<sup>r</sup> present service and to take notyce of the forwardnes how far ev’y gentellm̄ will furnishe himself & in what sort there offer of service shall be in whose voluntary offers there shalbe reserved a note for yo<sup>r</sup> better understanding at yo<sup>r</sup> cominge downe & as for such as deserve compulsion not willing to deale in chardge uppon there owne good wills shall lyke wise be sett downe in a note for yo<sup>r</sup> L. to chardge them further as y<sup>o</sup> shall

think mete; ffor Rumors & the spreaders of the same there shall lykewise order be taken to morow for the apprehensyon of such vagrant persons as may be to be found in the Country who are to be supposed to be spreaders of Rumors or sedicōūs newes. Ffurthmore there is order geven out by me for the carefull looking & keping the beacons, these therefore shall be kept & watched by men of honest credit & there shall be for their paym<sup>s</sup> in each hundreth a Collectyōn for<sup>t</sup> the paym<sup>t</sup> of there wages which by us the Justices ys thought very requisite to be consydered. Touching the captaynes officers & trayned bandes I mean to take present order with the captaynes for them selves officers and soldyers not to be absent but to be in Redynes at or uppon an owers warninge for there present service in the Contrey where I am to adv<sup>t</sup>ise y<sup>r</sup> L. according to the scedule hereunto anexed of the names of such as were m<sup>t</sup>iall men in this County & so knowne by reason of there service & places of service & in what Countrys there services hath bene ymployed moreov<sup>r</sup> the want of furnytures of the trained bandes in Corseletts & Qualiv's.

'I send yo<sup>r</sup> L. the note againe as before. The number of archers furnished the number of bills furnished & in what sort, & where. Lykewise the number of archers & the number of bills unfurnished & in what sort & in what hundreth. And thus hope y<sup>r</sup> L. will sett downe further dyrectyō for the furnishing of the trayne bandes so that the fower hundreth soldyers may be fully fu<sup>n</sup>ished with Corseletts & Qualiv's I will cease still referring all accompts in theis cases to y<sup>r</sup> best dyrections.

'yo<sup>r</sup> honors to comand,

'HENRY CROMWELL.'

'The copy of lre sent from my L. Leiftenft to Sr Henry Cromwell :

'SIR,—understanding y<sup>t</sup> the ordinary p'parations of the countrye are not sufficient to furnishe up the full bands w<sup>t</sup> armor and shott accordinge to the nombers already appoynted I have taken order for the supply of that defect & accordingly have addressed my warrants unto all the highe Cunstables of the shiere to warne the petty Cunstables of every Township within their sev'all hundreths to cause to be provided with all possible expedicōn such quants' of armors & shott to furnishe upp the said wants as I have directed by my said warrants : prayeing you to give order for the spedy deliv'y of the same so as noe delay be used in the performance & executiō therof. And thus till further occasion I cease to troble you hopeing some tyme the next week to see you in the countrye. London in hast this xxijth of June 1588.

'yo<sup>r</sup> assured frend,

'J. SAINT JOHN.

'The warrants in the lrē above menciō wher deliv'd unto the high Constables the 24 of June 1588.

'to Willū Carier for Normancrosse.

'to Thom̄s Hollin for Leyghtonston.

'to Thom̄s Dove for Tosland.

'to Christov<sup>r</sup> Swynford for Hurstington.'

'The Coppy of my L. leiffts lrē rec<sup>d</sup> the 29 of June 1588 :

'S<sup>r</sup>,—what expedicō is required in the fu'nishing & making redy both of the horse & fote bands of y<sup>e</sup> County you shall perceave by this inclosed coppye of the Councells lrs wh. the last night I received. The directiōs wherof I

do hartily pray you with diligence to accomlishe so farre forth as you may till my coming into y<sup>e</sup> Country who by comandēmt am stayed here some fewe days longer than I determyned for especiall occasions. I hope yow have acquainted all such as be in Comissio of peace, with her mat<sup>s</sup> lre, wherof I sent you the Copy by yo<sup>r</sup> Servant Wentworth her mat<sup>s</sup> expectacons wherin I dowt not but they will have such a good regard to satisfy ye, as may correspond to her highnes good opinion of them & the present necessity for defence of the realme enforceth to be required. I doe lykewyse pray you with all convenient speed that may be (for that noe delay y<sup>s</sup> now to be used) to procure a day of meeting of all the gent<sup>s</sup> in the shire, not being Justices nor alredy Charged with horses, to Conffer & sett downe an order amongst themselves, what they will doe for thadvancement of the present service & increase of horsemen, wh. is cheifly desired and especially Launces wh. shalbe noe president for their ordinary charge hereafter wherin, as of the former (requisition ?) to the Justices in the same behalf, I desire to know theyr full resolucōns at my coming into y<sup>e</sup> shire next week. Trusting y<sup>t</sup> as I have extended favor in the sparring of them & their servants in the musters and in making report to her mat<sup>re</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> councell of the generall forwardnes of the whole Country so they will shew Lik Conformity in this necessary Consideracō tending to the safetie of the whole estate, & every of them particularly furthermore wheras uppon some order of grevance betwene Mr. Dorrington & Mr. Brockett at Spaldwick I gathered some Light of thabtm't of the nombr of the horsmen of the shire, by reducing of some Charged with horses to the fynding of Corsletts & Qualiv's wh. nowe impeacheth the present service. I do therfore pray you to Consider therof & at my Coming downe, to give me

therin such further intelligence as you may & in the meane tyme to use privat perswasiõ to such as you know to be so abated, to furnishe themselves according to their former Charge wh. in regard of the instant occas̃n I hope they will performe w<sup>t</sup> out Compulsion & so I Comytt you to God fr̃o the Court in hast this 28 of June 1588.

‘yo<sup>r</sup> assured frynd,

‘J<sup>s</sup> SAINT JOHN.’

‘The Coppy of the Councells lr̃e sent with this Last lre to my L. Lft.

‘After o<sup>r</sup> harty comendacōns to yo<sup>r</sup> L. wheras her mat<sup>ie</sup> hath thought y<sup>t</sup> convenient y<sup>t</sup> as well such numbers of trayned bands & others as by former orders have beene erected in the severall Countys of the realme shuld be disposed & devided some to raparre to the sea coaste as occasion may serve to Impeach the Landing or withstanding of the enemy upon his first descent some other part of the said forces to joyne with such numbers as shall be thought Convenient to make good to the enemy after he shalbe landed yf yt so fall out and one other principall parte of the said trayned numbers to repayre hether to wyne with the army appoynted for the defence of her mat<sup>ies</sup> person. Theis shalbe to praye yo<sup>r</sup> Lo<sup>s</sup> to give present order that of those numbers wh. weare appoynted to be leved in y<sup>t</sup> county the number of 400 provided with weapons according to such preparcōns as hath bin hertofore sett downe unto you & reduced into bands may be in readines wyth convenient armor furnytur, & all other necessaryes agreeable with ye directions hertofore geven upon a howers warning to repayre either to y<sup>e</sup> Court to attend on her mat<sup>ies</sup> person or to such place as shalbe appoynted to wyne with the army wh. shalbe specially assembled for



the making head to thenimye uppon notice geven you eyther frō her mat<sup>ie</sup> or frō *us or from such* a person of qualitie as shalbe notified unto you to be appoynted by her ma<sup>tie</sup> to be generall of the army, eyther to attend upon her highnes person or to goe against y<sup>e</sup> enemy. The Lik order is to be taken y<sup>t</sup> these Lannces & light horse may be in a Redines wh. have been Certified allredy to joyn with the fote bands in their armyes according to such dyrections as yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>o</sup>p shall receave, wherin nothings doubting but yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>o</sup> will give spedy & specyall direction we bid yo<sup>r</sup> L. farwell frō the Court at Grinwich the 27 of June.

‘Yo<sup>r</sup> assured loving frends,

‘CH <sup>r</sup> HATTON, Canc.	FR. WALSINGHAM.
‘H. HUNSDEN.	R. LEYCESTER.
‘F. HENEAGE.	F. KNOLLYS.
‘W. BURLEYGH.	W <sup>m</sup> MILDMAY.
‘F. BUCKHURST.	J. WOLLEY.’

‘A cobby of Lrē sent to y<sup>e</sup> gent<sup>s</sup> of this County frō her Mat<sup>s</sup> Marshall.

‘After my harty comendacons unto you haveing receaved this present day further dyrections frō my L<sup>o</sup> Leaftenet with a cobby of the Councells Lrē wherin is required all spedy expedicō for the full furnishing of all the forces of this countye these are therfore to desire you whose names are under wrytten to mete me at the George in Huntingtō on Munday next in the morning betymes being the first of July: where I will acquaint you further with this service thus hoping you will Lay all biesines apart. Considering the necessity of the Cause in hast I bid you farwell. Hinchbrook the 29 of June.

‘Yo<sup>r</sup> frynde,

‘HENRY CROMWELL.’

‘The warrant sent out to the high Constables uppon the last lrē.

‘Wheras I have receaved further directions frō my L<sup>o</sup> Leiftet with a copy of the Councells lrē for the present furnishing of the 400 men in this County. Theis are therefore in her maties name strayghtly to charge & comand you y<sup>t</sup> presently upon the receipt herof you goe from towne to towne throughout yo<sup>r</sup> hundreths giving them very sharp & severe warning y<sup>t</sup> they be presently provided of all such armor & furniture as they have & are to provid by my L. Leift<sup>s</sup> Last warrant so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>t</sup> be all redy at one howers warning. And hereof fayle y<sup>e</sup> not as you will answer the contrary at yo<sup>r</sup> perill. Hinching, the.29 of June, 1588.

‘H. CROMWELL.’

The following letter, issued to the copyholders of his manor of Ramsey by Sir Henry Cromwell, illustrates strongly the old feudal law whereby the copyholder was bound to serve his lord in war, as the lord must serve his King, and shows us the resolute bearing of Sir Henry :

‘The cobby of a lrē sent to my m<sup>r</sup> Tennants.

‘After my harty comendacons unto you wheras there is a statut y<sup>t</sup> doth Compell every Coppiholder within this realme to serve their Land Lord in person at any tyme of invasion or Rebelliō uppon the forfeiture of this Land so holden during ther owne Lives refusing to serve. And for that y<sup>t</sup> now standeth me and such Landlords to prevent such dangers as farr as in us Lyeth, as well for the defence of her maties person & Contrey as our owne Lyves and Libertye. These are therefore to will you by reason y<sup>t</sup> you are my Cobbyholders in my mann<sup>r</sup> of Ramsey to provid your selves with sufficient warlike furniture to attend uppon me in your owne person whenso-

ever I am called therunto and to be redy at one howers warning, thus hoping that you will tak some speedy care herin I expect your present answer. Hinchin, the 30 of June 1588.

‘Yo<sup>r</sup> frynd,

‘H. CROMWELL.’

‘A Coppy of my L. Leiftet lrē rec. the Last of June 1588.

‘S<sup>r</sup>,—I purposse God willing to be in Hunt. sheir uppon Thursdaie next when I am desirous to see the training of yo<sup>r</sup> sonnes bandes uppon Friday morning eyther at Sapleye Leys or such other place as ys usuall & you think metest. I pray you therfore give warning accordingly to Mr. Walton on munday following for his band, and thus till then I Leave further to troble you. Comytting you to gods tuicōn. London this 29 of June.

‘Yo<sup>r</sup> asured frend,

‘J<sup>s</sup>. SAINT JOHN.’

‘The Coppy of thaunswer to my L. Leifts Last Lres.

‘According to yo<sup>r</sup> L. direction in yo<sup>r</sup> lrēs I sent presently the warrants to y<sup>e</sup> high Cunstable of the 4 hundreths at the receyt of wh. lrēs I was sette with y<sup>e</sup> Justices of y<sup>e</sup> sheir to Confer with those gent<sup>l</sup> who wer of the better sort for the furnishing of them selves wt horse & armor wher finding some willing have sett downe ther offers in a scedule hereincloused such gent<sup>l</sup> as have refused with those y<sup>t</sup> have not yeat appered y<sup>r</sup> honor shall likwiese have sett downe in the same scedule. Tuching the Justices of the peace I cannot certify you anythinge for that they purpose to be sett by yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>o</sup>p at yo<sup>r</sup> coming wh. I hope wilbe spedily. I have also receaved yo<sup>r</sup> hon’s Lres with a Coppy of the Councells lrēs the 29 of June

wherby I have made present dispatch into the Contrey for the furnyshyng of the 400 men and this daye confered with as many gent<sup>e</sup> being not Justices as I could gett in the Contrey. I have also given directions to the Capitaines for their trayning before y<sup>r</sup> L. as y<sup>r</sup> honor have by yo<sup>r</sup> Last lrē appoynted that yo<sup>r</sup> L. is thus much to be advertised that the day of o<sup>r</sup> assises is uppon fryday next: thus hoping I have accomplished all things so farr as Lyeth in yo<sup>r</sup> poor marshall. I comitt yo L. to the protectō of thalmighty. Hinchingbrok this 1 of July 1588.

‘Y<sup>r</sup> Honors to Comande,

‘H. CROMWELL.’

‘A speach delivered to the gent<sup>s</sup> by S<sup>r</sup> Henry Cromwell her mat<sup>s</sup> marshall to the effect following :

‘GENTTILLMEN,—The cause of o<sup>r</sup> assembling here this day Concerneth matter of no small importance, as by a lrē signed under her mat<sup>s</sup> owne hand mor at Larg shall appeare y<sup>e</sup> Coppy of wh. Lrē I purpose to read unto you, as also to declare unto you as breifly as I can, what is Contayned in the Cheifest poynts therof. I do parceve by the said Lrē y<sup>t</sup> my L<sup>o</sup> Leiftet hath signified o<sup>r</sup> former forwardnes for the furtherance of her ma<sup>tie</sup> service for the wh. y<sup>t</sup> seemeth her ma<sup>tie</sup> greatly reioyceth that she hath found such willingnes & Lyoll obedience in her Loving subiects; wh. gratfull exceptance of her ma<sup>tie</sup> may be to o<sup>r</sup> great comfords; and the rather move us to sattisfye her good expectacō and with all willingnes of mind to provide to the uttermost of o<sup>r</sup> powers this Larger porpocyon wh. her mat<sup>ie</sup> doth requier at o<sup>r</sup> hands for the defence of o<sup>r</sup> owne Lyves liberties wyves wealth children & Contrey & especially the true Gospell of christ. and Lastly wh. must be the cheif stage & defence of all the rest the Long & prosperous life of her ma<sup>tie</sup> to wh. she

giveth no regard in her lrē nor moveth us with consideratiō thereof, wh. must be our cheifest care to preserve yf we will injoye the Least of the rest. Yett the Least of all theis Consideracions y<sup>s</sup> sufficient to drawe the most obdurat man of this Land to prepayr himself in his best strength: and to Lay asid all mallice & privy grudgs eyther between unkind brethren or adverse neyghbours and to Joyn hands and harts together in the united bands of amytie & unitie, therby the better to deffye those enemyes of o<sup>r</sup> that have sworne our distrucō and the utter ruine & subversion of this realme & the sincere religiō of Christ. Insteed wherof they purpose to supplant the devellishe suppersticōn of the pope and now are abroad uppon the seas for this purpose as y<sup>t</sup> is very certainly thought, so that now ther is noe delay to be used. thus not dowing of your redines herin I expect yo<sup>r</sup> aunswers. Leaving the rest of her mat<sup>ies</sup> Lrē to yo consideracons.

‘ The Coppy of L.L. lrē Rec. the ( ) of July 1588 :

‘ S<sup>r</sup>,—I have receaved a new comandem<sup>t</sup> for a further stay at the Court then I expected, by occasion wherof I can not performe my determynacō to be w<sup>t</sup> you on fryday next, wh. I have thought good to give you to understand of requiring you to deferre thappoy<sup>t</sup> of the trayning dayes till the Tewesdaie & Wensdaye in the next week when I hope I shall without all further letts be present w<sup>t</sup> you. In the meanetime by advise of ou<sup>r</sup> Secretarie & others of her ma<sup>ties</sup> privye Counsell I have sent her mat<sup>ies</sup> Lrē unto my L<sup>o</sup> Bishopp, to publishe at the assises & perswade the Contrye in generall to have good Consideracōn of the aunswering of her highnes expectacō.

‘ I procured Mr. Secretaries Lrē to Mr. Dale dwelling

in                Streat for the serving of the Contrey w<sup>t</sup>  
powder after xii<sup>d</sup> the pownd being so installed by her  
mat<sup>s</sup> privy Counsell, the warrant y<sup>s</sup> for Two Lasts wh.  
Cont xxiii<sup>e</sup> pownd. I have Left y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>t</sup> my servant  
Thomas Andrewes to deliver to any that shall Come for  
the same to him with yo<sup>r</sup> Lrē. He Contineweth at  
Lodging in Rowe Lane at one Webster's howse.

‘yo<sup>r</sup> assured frend,

‘J<sup>s</sup>. SAINT JOHN.’

‘A Coppy of a lrē sent to y<sup>e</sup> 4 high Cunstables severally  
to eyther of them :

‘After my hartie Comendacons unto you understanding  
by my L<sup>o</sup> Lts Last Lrē y<sup>t</sup> he hath procured a warrant for  
24<sup>c</sup> pownd of powder for this countye at xii<sup>d</sup> the fi for  
the better ease of this Contry I would wyshe you ther-  
fore to Consider therof by what means you may best  
gett the same brought downe at some resonable rate for  
the use of the Countrey, wherein yf you will repayre unto  
me I will give you my best advise. Thus wyshing you  
not to omytt the oportunitye offred I bid you farwell this  
4 of July 1588.

The following letter shows the exact date at which  
intelligence of the arrival of the Spanish fleet reached our  
Lord-Lieutenant ; and from the notice sent out on July 26  
we may suppose that the infantry started very soon after  
that date. We find from other sources that they were at  
Tilbury about the end of July.

‘A Coppy of my Lord Lefts lrēs dated the xxiiijth of  
July :

‘S<sup>r</sup>,—I receaved this after noone very certā intelligence  
frō my L. Mordaunt y<sup>t</sup> the Spanishe flette hath very latly

encountred her mat<sup>s</sup> navy uppon the coasts of England not far from Plymouth wh. at this instant is confirmed unto me by lr<sup>es</sup> frō the Court: betwixt whom hath byne a Long & a sore fyght the event whereof I yett receave no certaynty of, but the Coasts are all put in present armor and so y<sup>t</sup> is howerlie expected that Lik Comandment shalbe sent throughout the whole realme wherof I thought necessary to give you this spedy advertisment praying you to hasten y<sup>r</sup> preparacōn of the Contry by all possible meanes you may by sending present notice herof to all such as are charged with horse and armor, w<sup>t</sup> straight Comandement to put all things in present redines uppon their allegence to her mat<sup>ie</sup> and Likwise to take order for the necessary waches as is expedient uppon this so weighty occacōn yo<sup>r</sup> forwardnes wherin as I dowt not of: so I Leave the performance to yu<sup>r</sup> descresiō for the present, because my self am not in case able yett to come abroade w<sup>th</sup>out danger by reason of physick newly taken and thus in hast I Comytt you to god. Bletso this 24 of July 1588.

‘yo<sup>r</sup> assured frend,

‘J<sup>s</sup>. SAINT JOHN.

‘yo<sup>r</sup> owne Company to be clad in strawe cullar guarded w<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> owne Cullars.’

Then also came this ‘instructiō’:

‘I have directed a lr<sup>e</sup> of warrant unto the high Shreve to warne all the gent<sup>s</sup> Justices of the peace of the County to meete w<sup>t</sup> you at Hunt. on fryday morning next to confer & sett downe an order for the Levy of fyfty pyoneers and thirty carts within the shiere & Likwyse to appoynt a manner for the making of the soldiers coats w<sup>th</sup> such other things as shalbe fytt presently to be considered of.

My self would have the fote mans coats to a light popping-  
iaye grene Cullar garded w<sup>t</sup> the cullars of their Captaynes  
& the horsmens to be of a strawe cullar garded w<sup>t</sup> white  
& red.

‘ J<sup>s</sup>. SAINT JOHN.’

‘ The Coppy of the warrants made out uppon the  
recey<sup>t</sup> of theis Last Lrēs :

‘ To the baylif of the Hundred of, &c.

‘ Theis shalbe in her mat<sup>s</sup> name to charg & comand you  
y<sup>t</sup> presently uppon the sight herof you give warning to all  
these gents yeomen &c y<sup>t</sup> are comprehended within this  
yo<sup>r</sup> warrant y<sup>t</sup> they and every of them prepare all such  
furnytur of horse & armore fytt for present servyce to be  
redy at one howers warning to be sent wither y<sup>t</sup> shall  
please the Lord L<sup>t</sup> to determyne prepearing for every  
horsman a coat of straw Cullar Cloth fytt for them to  
weare wh. furnitur for men and horse are to be redy at  
one howers warning as they will answer the same uppon  
their allegiance to her mat<sup>ie</sup>. hereof fayle ye not, &c.

‘ the 26 of July.

‘ HENRY CROMWELL.’

‘ The Coppy of a warrant sent to the High Cunstables  
for the provision of Carts for Cariage :

‘ Theis shalbe in her mat<sup>s</sup> name to charg you that  
presently uppon ye receat of this our warrant you repayre  
to all the townes within your hundreds & there to view all  
such carts & horses as shalbe found liable to serve her  
hignes w<sup>t</sup> Carrge upon an howers warning & them so  
viewed to select seven or eyght Carts in each hundreth  
and also to select to every Carte sixe good sufficient horses  
to drawe those carts so the same horses & Carts may be



fully furnished & ready at an howers warning and to certify us of these your doings herof fayle ye not &c. 26 of July 1588.

'Gwill LINCOLN      HENRY CROMWELL.  
'ROBT SAPCOTE      ROBT BEVELL.'

'A Coppy of a warrant to ye chief Cunstables of the hundreds for Carts :

'These are in her mat<sup>s</sup> name to charg & comand you that presently uppon the sight herof you provid two Carts w<sup>t</sup> twelve horses & fower men to drive them : so yt they be at Hunt on fryday next in the morning to cary the horse mens armor and herof fayle not.'

'The 2 of August S<sup>r</sup> Henry Cromwell knight rid toward London w<sup>t</sup> tene Launces tene Light horse & tenne Carbines to serve her mat<sup>e</sup> all of his owne & is Likwyse at London to take the charg of the rest of the horse men of this County.'

'The names of the soldiers and the weapons\* y<sup>t</sup> they are appoynted to serve withall taken and delivered into the charge of Mr. Oliver Cromwell esquier out of the hundred of Tosland at St. Neots the 3 of June 1588 :

S <sup>t</sup> Neots	...	...	Rychard Amner	...	P. A.
			Thomas Smyth	...	P. A. p'ti.
			Richard Hatley	...	P. A.
			Thomas Chandler	...	P. A.
			Thomas Cooley	...	Q. A.
Trayned soldiers	...	...	Edward Ibbott	...	Q. A.
			Rob <sup>t</sup> Bentley	...	Q. A.
			John Corbitt	...	Q. A.
			Robert Crunkhorne	...	Q. A.
			Chrystov <sup>r</sup> Phillip	...	Q. A.
			Gilbert Wey	...	Q. A.

\* The weapons used were pike, sword, qualiver, a kind of gun, musket, halberd, and possibly arquebus.

Cor. 5		{ Pawle Read ...	... P. S.
M. 2, pt. Eynsbur		{ Chrystov Norman ...	... P. S.
Q. 7		{ John Hatley ...	... P. S.
		{ Charles Smyth ...	... P. S.
		{ Thomas Ibbott ...	... P. S.
Soldiers for supply	...	{ Richard Martin ...	... P. S.
1 cor.		{ Rob <sup>t</sup> Ellis ...	... Q. S.
3 cor.	{ for y <sup>e</sup> towne	{ Edmund Newman ...	... Q. S.
5 Q.		{ Henry Hubbrd ...	... Q. S.
2 Q.		{ Thomas Walker ...	... Q. S.
1 cor.		{ Willm Hatley ...	... Q. S.
Eaynsbury	...	{ Willū Edrop ...	... P. A.
		{ Martin March ...	.. Q. A.
		{ Rychard Rosse ...	... P. S.
		{ Roger Walker ...	... P. S.
1 cor.	{	{ Rob <sup>t</sup> Bull ...	... P. S.
2 Q.		{ John Hatly ...	... Q. S.
Elynge	...	{ Nycholas Kylborne ...	... P. A. p't.
		{ Thomas Wolgate ...	... P. A.
		{ William Dosseter ...	... Q. A.
1 m.		{ Edward Crofts ...	... P. S.
1 Cor.	{ for y <sup>e</sup> towne	{ Euseby May ...	... Q. S.
1 Q.		{ Thomas Bedford ...	... Q. S.
1 cor. p'ticular.			
Abotesley	...	{ Thomas Blewett ...	... P. A.
		{ Thomas Ffrancys ...	... Q. A.
1 m.		{ Richard Pedley ...	... P. S.
1 cor.	{	{ Steven Cooper ...	... P. S.
2 Q.		{ Willm Steward ...	... Q. S.
		{ Walter Frauncis ...	... Q. S.
Duddington	...	{ Thomas Reeve ...	... Q. A.
		{ Hillery Coxe ...	... Q. A.
1 M.		{ John Fanne ...	... Q. S.
1 Q.		{ Thomas Parren ...	... Q. S.
2 cor.			
Haylweston	...	{ Rychard Barcock ...	... P. A. p'ti.
		{ Thomas Barnord ...	... Q. A.
		{ Thomas Alen ...	... Q. A. p'ti.

1 cor.)		( Thomas Sandwyford ...	P. S.
1 Q. }	p'ticulars.	( Rychard Hall ...	Q. S.
1 Q. y <sup>e</sup> towne.		( Rychard Taylford ...	Q. S.
Paxton Magna	...	( Thomas Grene ...	P. A.
		( Willū Bottom ...	P. A. pt.
		( Edmund Hatley ...	Q. A.
2 cor.)		( Symond Gryssell ...	P. S.
1 Q. }	for y <sup>e</sup> towne.	( Willū Rychardson ...	Q. S.
Paxton Parva	...	( John Angell ...	Q. A.
		( Alen Bell ...	Q. A.
2 Q.		( Roger Fletton ...	Q. S.
1 Q. p'ticular.		( Raffe Hatlye ...	Q. S.
Gransden Magna	...	( Willm Basse ...	P. A.
		( John Bett ...	P. A.
		( John Barnes ...	Q. A.
		( Robt. Savell ...	Q. A.
		( Thomas Groves ...	Q. A.
3 Q.		( Henry Watts ...	P. S.
3 Cor.		( Thomas Kidman ...	P. S.
		( Edward Hind ...	Q. S.
		( Edward Cryspe ...	Q. S.
Staughton Magna	...	( John Bullmer ...	P. A.
		( Thomas Money ...	P. A.
		( Thomas Ibbott ...	Q. A.
		( John Rogers ...	Q. A.
		( William Cosen ...	Q. A.
		( Willū Glover ...	P. S.
		( Ffrauncys Smyth ...	P. S.
		( John Anewes ...	P. S.
1 m.		( Thomas Burton ...	Q. S.
4 Cor. }		( John Banker ...	Q. S.
3 Q. }		( Robt Lylford ...	Q. S.
Waresley	...	( Symon Midletō ...	Q. A.
		( John Cooke ...	Q. A.
1 m.		( Edmund Cooke ...	Q. S.
1 Q.		( Peter Russell ...	Q. S.
Toslande	...	( Maxim' Kynge ...	Q. A.
1 Q.			

---

Southo	...	...	{ John Phillip ...	... P. A.
			{ Christover Peet	... Q. A.
1 m.			{ John Pryeor ...	... P. S.
1 cor. }			{ John Hatley ...	... Q. S.
2 Q. }			{ Symon Storer...	... Q. S.
Everton Cum Tet-			{ Rychard Barrett	... Q. A.
worth	...	...	{ Clement Hayle	... Q. A. p'ti.
1 Q. p'ticular...		...	{ Willū Astwood	... Q. S.
1 Q. for y <sup>e</sup> towne.		...	{ Rychard Plum	... Q. S.
Papworth Agnes		...	{ Willū Rotforth	... A. Q.
1 Q.				
Hilton...	...	...	{ Thomas Fryer	... P. A.
			{ Rychard Jenings	... Q. A.
			{ Rychard Yelder	... Q. A.
			{ Anthony Cutts gent	... P. S.
			{ Mathew Chapell	... P. S.
1 cor.			{ Willū Yelder ...	... Q. S.
2 Q.			{ Thomas Berbridg	... Q. S.
Bugden	...	...	{ Willū Rayment	... P. A.
			{ Rychard Collinson	... P. A.
			{ John Twygden	... Q. A.
			{ Thomas Applebe	... Q. A.
			{ John Burder ...	... P. S.
			{ Thomas Coke...	... P. S.
Cor 2.			{ Gey Edwards...	... Q. S.
Q. 2.			{ Thomas Golswain	... Q. S.
Offord Cluny ...	...	...	{ Thomas Flower	... P. A.
betweene y <sup>e</sup> townes		...	{ John Clark als. Vantas	P. A.
		...	{ Roger Martin ...	... P. A.
1 m.			{ Willū Vinter ...	... P. S.
2 cor.			{ John Cosen ...	... Q. S.
2 Q.			{ Thomas Trigg	... Q. S.
Offord Darcy...	...	...	{ Syble Kinyght	... P. A.
			{ Abraham Yonge	... Q. A.
			{ Willū Read ...	... Q. A.

1 cor.	{	Willū Abdale ...	... P. S.
2 Q.	{	Henry Tomson ...	... Q. S.
	{	Thomas Yong...	... Q. S.
Ffeustanton ...	...	{ Thomas Pryeo'	... P. A.
		{ Thomas Boddy	... P. A.
		{ Thomas Arnold	... Q. A.
		{ Rychard Bullard	... Q. A.
m. 1.	{	Gills Farrington	... P. S.
Cor. 3.	{	Christō Ayshton	... P. S.
Q. 1.	{	Henry Briers ...	... P. S.
	{	Arther Tosland	... Q. S.
	{	Myles Arborow	... Q. S.
Hemingford ...	...	{ Robt. Curier ...	... P. A.
Abbot Cum		{ Mark Plum ...	... P. A.
Heming Grey		{ John Kyrk ...	... P. A.
		{ Thomas Yelder	... Q. A.
for M <sup>r</sup> Kent.		{ Raffe Hunt ...	... Q. A.
	{	Willū Burge ...	... P. S.
	{	Henry Smyth...	... P. S.
	{	Thomas Pattinson	... P. S.
	{	John Alcock ...	... Q. S.
	{	Rychard Abersley	... Q. S.
	{	Millicent Lancaster	... Q. S.
	{	Robt. Martin ...	... Q. S.
	{	Roger Portter...	... Q. S.
	{	John Key ...	... Q. S.
1 m.	{	Rychard Barett	... Q. S.
1 Q. par M <sup>r</sup> Kent.	{	John Musters ...	... Q. S.
3 cor. } for y <sup>e</sup>	{	Robt. Jarmane	... Q. S.
2 Q. } towns.	{	Thomas Mason	... Q. S.
Godmanchester	...	{ Robt. Vinter ...	... P. A.
		{ Thomas Roks...	... P. A.
		{ John Normanton	... P. A.
		{ John Aylward...	... P. A.
		{ Edmund Maile	... Q. A.
		{ Thomas Fryer	... Q. A.
		{ Johnas Burges	... Q. A.
		{ John Andrew ...	... Q. A.
		{ John Alred ...	... Q. A.
		{ Rychard Stevenson	... Q. A.
		{ George Grene...	... Q. A.

Cor. 4. Q. 9.	{	John Taylar ...	... P. S.
		John Fetherby ...	... P. S.
		Willū Clarck ...	... P. S.
		Robt. Carlis ...	... Q. S.
		Edmund Lockington...	... Q. S.
		John Maile Jun <sup>r</sup> ...	... Q. S.
		John Mally Jun <sup>r</sup> ...	... Q. S.
		John Bullock ...	... Q. S.
		Leonard Herdman ...	... Q. S.
		Thomas Stocker ...	... Q. S.

## THE HUNDRED OF HIRSTINGSTONE.

St. Ives  Cor. 5. M. 2. Q. 6.	{	Gilles Durrant ...	... P. A.
		Rob <sup>t</sup> Walton ...	... P. A.
		John Angell ...	... P. A.
		Willū Beamont ...	... P. A.
		Thomas Curley ...	... Q. A.
		Willū Cannon...	... Q. A.
		Robt. Gose ...	... Q. A.
		James Beeton...	... Q. A.
		Thomas Gayton ...	... Q. A.
		Thomas Randell ...	... Q. A.
		Robt. Atkinson ...	... Q. A.
		Henry Pearson ...	... P. S.
		Luck Margetts ...	... P. S.
		Thomas Fletcher ...	... P. S.
Ramsey	{	Samewell Ostler ...	... P. S.
		John Byham ...	... Q. S.
		Willū Whitell...	... Q. S.
		Willū Jaye ...	... Q. S.
		Willū Sharp ...	... Q. S.
		Thomas Chichley ...	... Q. S.
		Thomas Parnell ...	... Q. S.
		Ffrancys Sterling ...	... Q. S.
		Henry Godfrey ...	... P. A.
		Gabriell Wilson ...	... P. A.
		Swthin Dixson ...	... Q. A.
		John Througood ...	... Q. A.
		Willū Ings ...	... Q. A.
		Willū Cakbread ...	... Q. A.

Cor. 2.			{	Martin Hillar ...	... P. S.
M. 1.				Roger Werks ...	... P. S.
Q. 3.				Edmund Triplett ...	... Q. S.
				Edward Hull ...	... Q. S.
				Rychard Fox ...	... Q. S.
				Hugh Hunt ...	... Q. S.
				Rychard Catlin ...	... Q. S.
Berry ...	...	...	{	Fraunceys Haydon ...	... P. A.
				Willū Baker ...	... Q. A.
I Cor. }				John Drage ...	... P. S.
I Q. }				John Hill ...	... Q. S.
Wystow ...	...	...	{	Willm̄ Basley... ..	... P. A.
				Thomas Randoll ...	... Q. A.
				Thomas Gosling ...	... P. S.
I Cor.				Robt. Adhams ...	... P. S.
I Q.				Rychard Ellington ...	... Q. S.
				John Wels ...	... Q. S.
Blunsham ...	...	...	{	John Seaborne ...	... P. A.
				Willū Chrestenwheat .	... P. A.
				Willū Rychardson ...	... Q. A.
Q. 2.				Dunold Burgs... ..	... Q. A.
Cor. 2.			{	Willū Henson ...	... P. S.
M. 1.				Willū Cranwell ...	... Q. S.
				Robt. Broadway ...	... Q. S.
				Thomas Wooborne ...	... Q. S.
Pidley Cm̄			{	John Potts for Mr. Bells	Q. A.
Ffenton ...	...	...		Nychās Bings for Stoūs	Q. A.
				Mathew Heady ...	... Q. A.
4 Q.			{	Rychard Witelsey ...	... Q. S.
				Willū Waler ...	... Q. S.
				Willū Piggett ...	... Q. S.
				Water Westm'land ...	... Q. S.
Colne ...	...	...	{	John Kent ...	... P. A.
				John Taylar ...	... P. A.
				John Sewster (gent) ...	... Q. A.
				Thomas Carter ...	... Q. A.

---

I Cor. M <sup>r</sup> Burgs.	{	John Cranwell	...	P. S.
I Q. M <sup>r</sup> Carter.	{	John Phillipson	...	Q. S.
I Cor. } y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Thomas Raryn'	...	Q. S.
I Q.	}			
Wardboys	...	{	John Austyn	... P. A.
		{	Rychard Packrell	... P. A.
		{	John Stockley...	... P. A.
		{	Robt. Hicks	... Q. A.
		}		
I cor. M <sup>rs</sup> Throgmorton	{	Willū Rosse	... P. S.	
2 cor. } y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	(Left blank in O. Cromwell's		
I Q.	}	muster roll.)		
Somersham	...	{	John Seam	... P. A.
		{	John Lambet	... P. A.
		{	Edmund Cranwell	... P. A.
		{	Edward Selby	... Q. A.
		{	Willū Arrington	... Q. A.
		}		
Cor. 3.	{	Thomas Woodward	... P. S.	
Q. 3.	{	John Beelts	... P. S.	
	{	Thomas Tompson	... P. S.	
	{	Jeames Wood...	... Q. S.	
	{	Willū Ansell	... Q. S.	
	}			
Earyth	...	{	Bryngsteed Smyth	... P. A.
		{	Willū Bushe	... Q. A.
		{	Thomas Sysson	... Q. A.
	par.	{	Anthony Bounde	... Q. A.
		}		
		{	Thomas Barker	... P. S.
		{	Thomas Curttis	... Q. S.
2 Q. } y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Henry Robinson	... Q. S.	
I cor.	}	Roffe Bason	... Q. S.	
	}			
Old Hurst	...	{	Thomas Stoughton	... P. A.
I Q. } y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Rychard Pagge	... Q. A.	
I cor.	}			
Wood Hurst	...	{	John Plume	... P. A.
		{	Willū Pell to be found	
		{	by Ellis	... Q. A.
		}		



1 m.		{	Robt Robinson	...	P.S.
1 cor.		{	Ffrauncys Morys	...	Q.S.
1 Q.	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Henry Plume	...	Q.S.
		{	John Christmas	...	M.S.
Upwood	...	{	Nycholas Smyth	...	P.A.
		{	Jeremy Raby	...	Q.A.
1 cor.		{	Hary M'getts	...	P.A.
2 Q.	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Christover Leach	...	Q.A.
Holliwell cum Ned-		{	Willū Slowe	...	P.A.
dingworth	...	{	Martyn Kyllingworth	...	P.A.
		{	John Tuck	...	...
		{	John Kynge	...	Q.A.
		{	Roger Kynge	...	Q.A.
1 m.		{	John Ibbott	...	P.S.
1 cor.	Scot Alis.	{	Thomas Slow	...	P.S.
2 cor.		{	John Coe	...	Q.S.
2 Q.	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Edward Barley	...	Q.S.
Ripton cum Wenning-		{	John Gosling	...	P.A.
ton	...	{	John Key	...	P.A.
		{	Walter Rolt	...	Q.A.
		{	Willū Marshall	...	Q.A.
2 cor.	Rolt Alis.	{	Willū Eton	...	P.S.
1 Q.	M <sup>r</sup> Wentworth.	{	Thomas Ellis	...	P.S.
1 cor.		{	John Taylar	...	Q.S.
1 Q.	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Edward Yonge	...	Q.S.
Harford	...	{	Thomas Tompson	...	P.A.
		{	John Notte	...	Q.A.
		{	John Edridg	...	Q.A.
1 m.		{	Thomas Beridg	...	P.S.
1 cor.		{	James Rolt	...	Q.S.
2 Q.	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{	Thomas Thonge	...	Q.S.
Ravelly	...	{	Thomas Coxo	...	P.A.
Magna...	...	{	Robt Stokley	...	P.S.
1 Q.		{	Robt Chapell	...	P.S.
Cor.	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	{			

---

Broughton	...	...	{ Georg Sybley ...	...	P.A.
			{ Rychard Bowne	...	P.A.
			{ Henry Coxe ...	...	Q.A.
			{ Henry Bigg ...	...	Q.A.
1 Q. Powlter.			{ John Wells ...	...	P.S.
2 cor. }	y <sup>e</sup> towne.		{ Thomas Brightfyld	...	P.S.
1 Q. }			{ Hary Grey ...	...	Q.S.
			{ Rychard Donn	...	Q.S.
Houghton cum Wyt-			{ Thomas Sandiford	...	P.A.
ton	...	...	{ John Broadway	...	P.A.
			{ John Burch ...	...	Q.A.
			{ Rob <sup>t</sup> Turkington	...	Q.A.
			{ Thomas Gynne	...	Q.A.
			{ John Sandiford	...	Q.A.
1 Q. Marsey.			{ John Foster ...	...	P.S.
1 Q. Durant.			{ Will' Key ...	...	Q.S.
2 Q. }	y <sup>e</sup> towne.		{ Rob <sup>t</sup> Thompon	...	Q.S.
2 cor. }					
Stewkley parva	...	...	{ Thomas Adler ...	...	P.A.
			{ Willū Bagley ...	...	Q.A.
			{ John Chesham	...	P.S.
			{ Willū Brasier ...	...	Q.S.
Rypton Regis	...	...	{ Hugh Martin ...	...	M.A.
			{ Humfrey Rawlen	...	P.A.
			{ Raynold Norse	...	Q.A.
1 m. Norse alis.			{ Thomas Beadford	...	M.S.
1 Q. }	y <sup>e</sup> towne.		{ Rob <sup>t</sup> Norse, jun <sup>r</sup>	...	Q.S.
1 cor. }			{ Thomas Henson	...	P.S.
Stewkly	...	...	{ John Foster ...	...	P.A.
Magna.			{ John Cook ...	...	Q.A.
			{ John Burd ...	...	Q.A.
1 m.			{ Will <sup>m</sup> Burttt ...	...	P.S.
1 cor. }	y <sup>e</sup> towne.		{ Will <sup>m</sup> Odell ...	...	Q.S.
3 Q. }			{ John Mariott ...	...	Q.S.
Ravelly	...	...	{ John Sylke ...	...	Q.A.
Parva.			{ George Chapell	...	Q.S.
1 Q. y <sup>e</sup> towne.			{ John Aberley ...	...	Q.S.

Huntington ...	...	Nycholas Taylar ...	P.A.
		Rychard Boulton ...	P.A.
		Nycholas Mealbanck ...	P.A.
		Ffrauncys Page ...	P.A.
		Willū Weeks ...	Q.A.
		Laverence Bigg ...	Q.A.
		Willū Wallis ...	Q.A.
		John Turpin ...	Q.A.
		Seath Buckbarrow ...	Q.A.
		John Laxton ...	Q.A.
		Willū Jey ...	Q.A.
		Mathew Lawson ...	Q.A.
		Rychard Swyft ...	P.S.
		Clement Gatts...	P.S.
		John Corbitt ...	P.S.
		Christo <sup>r</sup> Atkinson ...	P.S.
I cor.		Rychard Wyley ...	Q.S.
I Q. Mr Wisman.		Thomas Cooper ...	Q.S.
I Q. Mr Turpin.		John Henson ...	Q.S.
I Q. Mr Todd.		Hary Aldridg ...	Q.S.
I Q. Mr Cervington.		Rob <sup>t</sup> Ringsted ...	Q.S.
4 cor. }	y <sup>e</sup> towne.	John Handyshe ...	Q.S.
4 Q. }		Nycholas Walton ...	Q.S.'

The above being Oliver Cromwell's Muster Roll, does not contain the names of Captain Wanton's company, and thus far our extracts have been almost entirely from the Cromwell manuscripts.

The following account of the number of soldiers and the Muster Roll is taken from documents in the Record Office.

Here we have the names of those who either served in the cavalry in person or provided horse soldiers ; also the names of all the officers and soldiers in the two companies of infantry.

The names of the soldiers mentioned in the Tosland and Hurstonton company are in many cases different

from those given in the previous list, showing that alterations had been made between June and August, doubtless with a view to greater efficiency.

	Launces.			Light horse.			Petronylls. Voluntary offers.	Total.
	Old charge.	New charge.	Voluntary offers.	Old charge.	New charge.	Voluntary offers.		
Sir Henry Cromwell Kt. J.P. ... ..	2		8	2		8	10	30
Sir Henry Davie Kt. J.P. ...	1			2				3
Sir Ri. Dyer Kt. J.P. ...	1			2				3
Sir Edw. Wingfield Kt. J.P. ... ..	2	In lieu of a light horse	4				4	10
Rob. Sapcots Esqre J.P. .	1			1				2
Rob. Bevill Esq. J.P. ...				1			1	2
Geo. Cotton Esq. J.P. .				1			1	2
Rob. Brudenell Esqre J.P.				1				1
He attendeth my Lord Chancellor with this charge.								
Rob. Fforest Esqre J.P. .				1		1		2
John Dorrington Esqre J.P. one of her majesties gentlemen pensioners and attendeth at the Corte ... ..								
John Connye Esq. J.P. ...				1			1	2
Ri. Tryce Esqre J.P. ...				1		1		2
Tho. Worledge Esqre J.P.				1			1	2
<i>Private gentlemen of the Courte and yeomen of the better sort :</i>								
Rob. Aprece Esqre ...	1							1
Humphrey Drewell Esqre				1			1	2
W <sup>m</sup> Connye Esqre ...			1	1				2
Francis Tanfielde Esqre .						1		1
Lawrence Turkington Esqre ... ..						1		1
W <sup>m</sup> Andrewes gent. ...			1				1	2

	Launces.			Light horse.			Petronylls. Voluntary offers.	Total.
	Old charge.	New charge.	Voluntary offers.	Old charge.	New charge.	Voluntary Offers.		
John Bedells gent. ...				I				I
Geo. Lynne gent. ...							I	I
Christopher Smyth gent. ...					I			I
Rob. Throkmorten gent. .							I	I
W <sup>m</sup> Bedells gent ...							I	I
Nich. Swinborne gent. ...						I		I
John Badwyne gent. . .						I		I
John Butler gent. ...						I		I
Edw. Payne gent. ...						I		I
Rob. Audley gent. ...							I	I
Paule Luke gent. ...							I	I
M <sup>rs</sup> Jane Cotton ...							I	I
Ric. Cannon gent. ...							I	I
John Netter } gent. ...							I	I
Rob. Parys }								
John Martyr gent. ...		I						I
Tho. Auder gent. ...		I						I
Edw. Hammerston gent. ...		I						I
Tho. Marshe gent. ...		I						I
Rob. Myllesent } gent. ...					I			I
John Reynar }								
M <sup>rs</sup> Cardynall & } gent. .					I			I
Edw. Edwards }								
M <sup>rs</sup> Calton & } gent. ...					I			I
John Brockett }								
Peter Asheton ...					I			I
M <sup>rs</sup> Ffaren and her } sonne Olyver Ffaren } gent. ...					I			I
Tho. Castell } gents. ...		I						I
John Burgess }								
W <sup>m</sup> Servington }								
Edw. Hatley ...							I	I
Tho. Danyell } ...					I			I
Rob Cawthorne }								
John Hodgson }					I			I
Tho. Ekyns }								
Tho. Jones }					I			I
Owyn Biggs ...					I			I

			Launces.			Light horse.			Petronylls.	Total.
			Old charge.	New charge.	Voluntary offers.	Old charge.	New charge.	Voluntary offers.	Voluntary offers.	
Ri Durant	}	...		I						I
Geo. Sandyford										
Tho. Cordell	}	...		I						I
Hen. Perrye										
Ric. Mason als Draper	}	...		I						I
John Pedley										
John Hardinge	}	...				I				I
John Stones										
Tho. Salter	}	...				I				I
Hen. Hubbard										
W <sup>m</sup> Warrener	}	...				I				I
Tho. Yarwell										
			8	8	14	17	12	16		29
Total ...			30			45			29	104

Then we have the numbers and names of the officers and men of the infantry train bands :

		Hundreds.	Capt. and his lieutenants.	Men.	Shott.	Corlets.	Pyoners.	Carts furnished.
Able men 1000 where- of fur- nished 400	Trayned 400	Hursting- stone and Tosland	Oliver Cromwell		100 caly- vers			
		Leighton- stone and Norman- cross	R <sup>d</sup> Cham- berlain	200	20 mus- ketts	80	15	4
			John Williams					
			Geo. Wauton		100 caly- vers			
			Tho. Durrant	200	20 mus- ketts	80	15	4
			John Pratt					
				400	240	160	30	8

	Hundreds.	Men.	Shott.	Bowes.	Bills.	Pyoners.	Carts furnished.
Un-trayned 350	Hursting- stone and Tosland }	175	caly- vers 25	50	100	15	3
	Leighton- stone and Norman- cross }	175	caly- vers 25	50	100	15	3
		350	50	100	200	30	6

Sum total	Calyvers ...	250	} 750	} 914
	Musketts ...	40		
	Corsletts ...	160		
	Bowes ...	100		
	Billes ...	200		
	Pyoners ...	60	60	} 104
	Lances ...	30		
	Lyght Horse	45		
	Petronylls ...	29		

‘ Besides a band of 150 footmen furnished and trayned by Sir Edw. Wingfield uppon his own Charge.

Signed (JOHANNES S. JOHN).’

‘ The names of the Queen’s Majesty’s ordinary men :

	demi launce.	light horses.
Ric. Warde Esqre ...	1	4
Tho. Bullock Esqre ...		2
Ric. Sands gent. ...		1
Ric. Conisby gent. ...		1
John Barker gent ...		1

Sum 1 demi-launce, 9 light horses.

‘ A perfect muster roll of all such soldiers as were mustered trained and delivered before the Right Hon. the L<sup>d</sup> S. John, L. Lieutenant of the County of Hunts, Geo. Wanton Esqre their Captain and Captain Oliver

the Mustermaster, with all such furniture as belongeth to the seyd souldyers as Pikes, Halberts, Muskattes, and Quallivers the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August in the yere of our Lord 1588.

Tho Durant }  
John Pratt } Lieutenants.

Fra. Holcott }  
Rob. Perte } sergeaunts.

John Palmer, Ensigne Bearer.

Tho Chamber, Clarke of the band

Arthur Cropper }  
Tho Asheton } Corporalls.  
Mathew Marshall }  
Silth Neave }

Tymothe Tryce }  
Nich. Hunt } Drummers.

Pikemen.

*Spaldwicke.*

W<sup>m</sup> Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> ... P.  
Rob. Byshoppe ... P.  
John Clarke... ... P.  
Rich. Edwards ... Q.

*Stow Longa..*

Tho. Roffe ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Browne ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Becke ... Q.  
Tho. Barnewell ... Q.

*Catworth.*

W<sup>m</sup> Hull ... P.

*Eston.*

John Sutton ... P.  
John Thurston ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Jaye ... Q.

*Barrham.*

Henrie Laddes ... P.  
Tho. Simson ... Q.

*Graffham.*

Edw. Leache ... P.  
Raffe Carter ... P.  
Edw. Awrocke ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Ploughwright ... Q.  
Gabriell Carswell ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Peacock ... Q.  
Lyonell Byworth ... Q.

*Laughton.*

Ric. Clarke ... P.  
Nich. Colton ... P.

*Old Weston.*

Edw. Kinge... ... P.  
Tho. Hustwhat ... Q.  
Edw. Abbott ... H.

*Hamerton.*

W<sup>m</sup> Ffigeon ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Kinge ... P.  
John Walker ... M.  
Silvester Robinson... Q.



*Hamerton.*

John Ffigeon ... Q.

*Swinesheade.*

John Purcell ... P.

Rob. Purcell ... M.

John Freshwater ... Q.

John Cooke ... Q.

*Gidding Magna.*

John Ffigeon ... P.

Geo. Robinson ... P.

Anthonie Brigges ... Q.

Henrie Man ... Q.

Henrie Nott ... M.

*Buckworth.*

John Bowman ... P.

John Slade ... P.

Oliver Warboyes ... Q.

Tho. Beridge ... Q.

Tho. Green ... Q.

John Fletcher ... Q.

*Bythorne.*

John Becke ... P.

John Kinge ... P.

John Browne ... Q.

*Brington.*

Mathew Brown ... M.

W<sup>m</sup> Hustwhat ... Q.

Ric. Hall ... Q.

*Awconbury.*

John Whitebreade ... P.

Rob. Pucheler ... H.

W<sup>m</sup> Joyce ... H.

Ric. Tillye ... M.

John Wilkinson ... Q.

W<sup>m</sup> Bonner ... Q.

Rob. Cawthorne ... Q.

Joseph Papworth ... Q.

Henrie Hodgeson ... Q.

*Awconbury.*

John Daniell ... Q.

Ric. Morton ... Q.

*Catworth Magna.*

Gilbert Warde ... P.

Peter Musgrave ... P.

Geo. Cropwell ... P.

John Byshoppe ... P.

Tho. Doggerell ... Q.

Mathew Silbye ... Q.

*Keyston.*

John Warner ... P.

Lawrence Meawe ... P.

Henrie Golle ... Q.

Ric. Darnwell ... Q.

*Kimbolton cum Stovleye.*

Gamaliell Willowes ... P.

Geo. Impye ... P.

Oliver Gostlowe ... H.

W<sup>m</sup> Pickell ... M.

Edward Man ... Q.

Tho. Peete ... Q.

Rob. Grace ... Q.

John Alleyne ... Q.

John Bull ... Q.

*Ellington.*

John Gates ... P.

Tho. Barnes ... P.

John Henson ... M.

W<sup>m</sup> Talle ... Q.

Edw. Cooke ... Q.

*Brampton.*

Symon Hull ... P.

Ric. Crosse ... P.

Tho. Pegge ... P.

Ric. Austine ... P.

W<sup>m</sup> Nevill ... M.

Hen. Blomster ... Q.

Tho. Selbye ... Q.

*Brampton.*

John Rigner ... Q.  
 Ric. Bromley ... Q.

*Stilton cum Chesterton.*

Michael Parpointe ... P.  
 Tho. Sergeante ... P.

*Stilton.*

Abraham Warren ... M.

*Chesterton.*

Geo. Palmer ... M.

*Denton Calcott & Lutton.*

Robert Thomson ... P.  
 Nich. Clarke ... P.  
 Robert Simson ... Q.  
 Tho. Asheton ... Q.

*Calcott.*

Tho. Hall ... M.

*Connington.*

W<sup>m</sup> Howes ... P.  
 Tho. Basse ... H.

*Woodmalton.*

Rob. Atkinson ... P.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Stevens... P.

*Ffarcet.*

Ric. Thorpe ... P.

*Wodston.*

John Perrye... P.

*Ffarcet & Wodston.*

Tho. Hardie ... Q.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hurrye... Q.  
 Rob. Laddes ... Q.

*Stangrounde.*

John Wildbore ... P.

*Stangrounde.*

John Awnsvile ... P.  
 Mathew Harris ... H.  
 John Brigstocke ... Q.  
 Tho. Harrison ... Q.  
 James Miller ... Q.  
 Rob. Olde ... Q.

*Folksworth Haddon & Morborne.*

Rob. Welles ... P.  
 Tho. Yarwell ... P.  
 Roger Forster ... Q.

*Holme.*

W<sup>m</sup> Harrison ... P.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Taylour ... Q.

*Hadden.*

John Cooke... Q.  
 Rich. Sheepe ... Q.  
 Tho. Brassington ... Q.

*Orton cum Bottlebridge.*

Tho. Kinge ... P.  
 John Hall ... P.  
 Gamaniell Austine... P.  
 Hen. Selbye ... M.  
 Seth Hall ... M.

*Glatton.*

W<sup>m</sup> Warrener ... P.  
 Tho. Webster ... P.  
 Tho. Croxton ... P.  
 Rob. Fforster ... P.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Cooper... H.  
 Gilbert Abbot ... Q.  
 Xpher Addyson ... Q.  
 John Haddock ... Q.

*Sawtry.*

John Shawe... P.  
 Ric. Lea ... P.  
 John Otye ... P.

*Sawtry.*

Rich. Thruscrosse ... Q.  
Rych. Ashemore ... Q.  
Rich. Travell ... Q.

*Alwalton.*

Simon Gates ... P.  
Ric. Saunderson ... Q.  
Rob. Lea ... Q.

*Aylton or Elton.*

Rob. Dyckons ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Wallis ... P.  
John Hobson ... P.  
Rob. Turner ... H.  
Rob. Fforster ... Q.  
Henrie Robinson ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Hamlin... ... Q.  
Nich. Broughton ... Q.

*Yaxley.*

Tho. Chapman ... P.  
Rob. Browne ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Harte ... P.  
John Hurlbook ... P.  
Ric. Wattes ... M.  
Nych Peerson ... M.  
Rob. Tomlin ... M.  
John Carnarde ... M.  
Ric. Knipe ... M.  
Miles Manninge ... Q.  
Michael Whiteley ... Q.  
John Earton ... Q.

*Water Newton cum membris.*

Roberte Andrew ... P.  
Christopher Welles . H.  
Adam Saunders ... Q.  
Laurence Wildbore . Q.

*Fletton.*

Anthony Green ... H.  
Tho. Greenhold ... Q.

*Steeple Gidding.*

John King ... M.  
W<sup>m</sup> Chaundeller ... Q.

*Wolley.*

W<sup>m</sup> Squire ... M.  
Rob. Redshaw ... Q.

*Thurninge.*

Cutbert Weedon ... Q.  
Henry Jackson ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Pryor ... Q.

*Winwyck.*

Tho. Barber ... Q.  
Ric. Wiles ... Q.

*Molesworth.*

Tho. Cranke ... Q.  
Rob. Becke ... Q.

*Covington.*

Rob. Barclegges ... Q.  
Henrie Briggs ... Q.  
Henrie Hardwick ... Q.

*Coppingford.*

Tho. Corram ... Q.

*Upton.*

Geo. Dalbye ... Q.  
Laurence Sanforde... Q.

*Orton Waterville.*

Peter Hole ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Gylbert ... Q.  
John Shreive ... Q.

Then follows the muster roll of Captain Oliver Cromwell's company as taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August :

Ric. Chamberlaine } Lieutenants.  
John Williams }

Giles Chapman, Ensigne Bearer.

Ric. Cervington } Sergeaunts.  
Ric. Wine }

W<sup>m</sup> Dale, Clarke of the bande.

Francis Pike } Drummers.  
Tho. Ffisher }

W<sup>m</sup> Wallis }  
James \* \* \* } Corporalls.  
W<sup>m</sup> Baker }  
John Corbett }

#### Hundreds of Tosland and Hurstingstone :

##### *Godmanchester.*

John Mawley ... P.  
John Normanton ... P.  
John Vintener ... P.  
Tho. Rookes ... P.  
Jonas Burges ... M.  
Johne Andrew ... M.  
John Laxton ... M.  
Edw. Mailbe ... Q.  
John Aldred ... Q.  
Ric. Stevenson ... Q.  
John Green ... Q.  
Geo. Green ... Q.  
Rob. Careles ... Q.

##### *Hemingford Graye.*

John Kycke ... P.  
Marke Plomme ... H.  
Tho. Mason als Draper Q.

##### *Hemingford Abbots.*

Rob. Currier ... H.  
Nich. Walker ... Q.  
Raffe Hunte ... Q.

##### *Abbotsley.*

Tho. Blewitt ... P.  
Tho. Ffrauncis ... Q.  
Clement Cooper ... Q.

##### *Tosland.*

W<sup>m</sup> Bottom ... Q.

##### *Eynsburie.*

W<sup>m</sup> Edripe ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Edripe ... Q.  
Martin Marche ... Q.

##### *Gransden Magna.*

Tho. Kidman ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Basse ... P.  
J. Bette ... H.  
Rob. Savill ... M.  
W<sup>m</sup> Lorde ... Q.  
Tho. Crave ... Q.

##### *Waresley.*

Simon Middleton ... M.  
John Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> ... Q.

*Hail Weston.*

Ri. Barrock ... P.  
 Tho. Barnarde ... M.  
 Tho. Allein ... Q.

*Yellinge.*

Tho. Ffewe ... P.  
 Tho. Wallgete ... P.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Dosseter ... M.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Barnarde als  
 Phillips ... Q.

*Offord Cluny.*

Tho. Fflower ... P.  
 Roger Marcum ... Q.  
 „ Haywarde ... Q.

*Offord Darcey.*

W<sup>m</sup> Abdale ... P.  
 John Corbett ... P.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Reade ... Q.  
 Roger Porter ... Q.

*Hilton.*

Tho. Ffryer ... P.  
 Launcelot Peeke ... M.  
 Ric. Elgere ... Q.  
 Ric. Jennings ... Q.

*(Fen) Stanton.*

Christopher Asheton P.  
 John Marten ... H.  
 Tho. Bodye ... H.  
 Ric. Bullarde ... M.  
 Miles Arborow ... Q.

*Everton cum Tetworth.*

Ric. Barrett ... Q.  
 Clement Hailes ... Q.

*Papurthe.*

W<sup>m</sup> Ratforthe ... Q.

*S. Neots.*

Ric. Awner ... P.  
 Tho. Smithe ... P.  
 Ric. Hatley ... P.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hartley ... H.  
 Tho. Cooley ... Q.  
 Edw. Ibbott ... Q.  
 Xpher Phillips ... Q.  
 Gilbert Ware ... Q.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hyckden ... Q.

*Paxton Magna.*

Tho. Green ... P.  
 Gregorie Person ... P.  
 Henrye Thomson ... M.  
 Nich. Neave ... Q.

*Southo.*

J. Ffillpott ... H.  
 Nic. Green ... Q.  
 Gilbert Parrett ... Q.

*Stoughton cum membris.*

Tho. Wordley ... P.  
 John Bolmer ... P.  
 John Monaye ... P.  
 Francis Harrison ... P.  
 John Rogers ... Q.  
 Tho. Weste ... Q.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Cosen ... Q.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Maidburie ... M.

*Paxton Parva.*

John Angell ... Q.  
 Allen Bell ... Q.  
 Nic. Pryor ... Q.

*Dodington.*

W<sup>m</sup> Maidburie ... M.  
 Tho. Reve ... Q.

*Buckden.*

Ric. Collinson ... P.  
 John Scotte ... P.

*Buckden.*

Tho. Applebee ... Q.  
Hen. Hammond ... Q.

*Huntingdon.*

John Osteler ... P.  
Edw. Fferber ... P.  
Ric. Bolton ... P.  
Jeremie Mariott ... P.  
Nic. Melbanke ... H.  
Mathew Hawson ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Maxey ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Wilkes ... Q.  
Ffrancis Pygeon ... Q.  
Lawrence Rigges ... Q.  
James Thonge ... Q.

*St. Ives.*

John Angel ... P.  
Rob. Walton ... P.  
Tho. Parnell ... P.  
John Tailour ... P.  
Giles Durante ... H.  
Tho. Curtees ... M.  
Tho. Gayton ... Q.  
Tho. Randoll ... Q.  
Rob. Gosse ... Q.  
Rob. Beridge ... Q.

*Old Hurst.*

Tho. Stoughton ... P.  
Ric. Page ... Q.

*Wood Hurst.*

John Plomme ... P.  
John Christmas ... M.  
W<sup>m</sup> Pell ... Q.

*Wistow.*

W<sup>m</sup> Baseley ... H.  
Tho. Randall ... Q.

*Warboys.*

John Stockley ... P.

*Warboys.*

John Wilson ... P.  
Edward Dorrington ... P.  
Rich. Packerell ... Q.

*Somersham.*

John Seame... ... P.  
John Lamberte ... P.  
Edmund Harman ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Armitage ... Q.  
Edw. Selby... ... Q.  
Tho. Hubbarde ... Q.

*Pidley cum Fenton.*

Tho. Yelder ... M.  
Mathewe Heddye ... Q.  
John Smythson ... Q.  
John Puttowe ... Q.

*Colne.*

John Tullarde ... P.  
John Kente ... P.  
Tho. Carter... ... Q.  
John Phillipson ... Q.

*Bluntisham.*

Tho. Cole ... P.  
John Seabourne ... P.  
W<sup>m</sup> Richardson ... M.  
Dunnold Burges ... Q.  
Tho. Uborne ... Q.

*Ramsey.*

Henrie Godfrey ... P.  
Gilbert Wilson ... P.  
Edmond Triplet ... M.  
John Thoroughgood ... Q.  
Ric. Hiller ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Jennings ... Q.  
W<sup>m</sup> Cakebread ... Q.

*Bury cum Hippingrove.*

Ffrauncis Heydon ... P.

<i>Earith.</i>			<i>Raveley Magna.</i>		
Rob. Sysson	...	P.	Tho. Coxé ...	...	P.
Brimsted Smith	...	M.	John Potton	...	Q.
W <sup>m</sup> Bushe ...	...	Q.			
Anthony Bonde	...	Q.			
<i>Hartforde.</i>			<i>Upwood.</i>		
Tho. Thomson	...	P.	Nich. Smythe	...	P.
John Motte ...	...	Q.	Jeremy Rabye	...	Q.
W <sup>m</sup> Cannon	...	Q.	John Wolley	...	Q.
Jeremy Harding	...	Q.			
<i>Houghton cum Wilton.</i>			<i>Broughton.</i>		
John Broadwaie	...	P.	Geo. Sibley ...	...	P.
Tho. Sandyforde	...	P.	Ric. Bowne...	...	P.
Rob. Turkington	...	M.	Hen. Briggses	...	Q.
Tho. Gynne...	...	Q.	Hen. Coxé ...	...	Q.
Rob. Thomson	...	Q.			
John Burche	...	Q.	<i>Ripton Regis.</i>		
John Sandyforde	...	Q.	Humphrey Rawlins .	P.	
			Tho. Ellis ...	...	M.
			Reginald Nurse	...	Q.
<i>Stukley Parva.</i>			<i>Ripton Abbots.</i>		
Tho. Adler ..	...	P.	John Keye ...	...	P.
W <sup>m</sup> Paglen ...	...	Q.	John Goslinge	...	P.
Mark Daniell	...	Q.	Hugh Martin	...	M.
			W <sup>m</sup> Marshall	...	Q.
<i>Stukley Magna.</i>			<i>Holiwell cum Needingworth.</i>		
John Forster	...	P.	W <sup>m</sup> Slowe ...	...	P.
John Birde ...	...	Q.	Martin Killingworth.	P.	
W <sup>m</sup> Austine	...	Q.	John Peache	...	M.
John Marriott	...	Q.	John Ibbott...	...	Q.
<i>Raveley Parva.</i>			John Coe ...	...	Q.
John Silke ...	...	Q.	John Scott ...	...	Q.

Of those gentlemen who furnished cavalry, Sir H. Cromwell, 'the Golden Knight,' was son of Sir Richard Cromwell, to whom so much of the monastic property in the county came at the dissolution of the monasteries in 1540. He was father of Oliver Cromwell, who commanded one of the two companies of infantry.

Sir Richard Dyer was a member of a good family settled at Great Stoughton, a relative and heir to James Dyer, one of the royal chaplains.

Sir Edward Wingfield, of Kimbolton Castle, is mentioned by Camden as 'the great warrior.' His great-grandfather was Sir Richard Wingfield, whose first wife was Katharine, Duchess of Bedford and Buckingham, daughter and co-heir of Richard Woodville, Earl of Essex.

Robert Sapcotes was descended from a family that had been settled in Elton certainly previous to 1487.

Robert Beville, of Chesterton, belonged to a family that was living in that village in the early part of the reign of Henry II., and had been lords of the manor during the whole of that time. The family later became connected by marriage with that of Dryden.

R. Brudenell belonged to a family seated at Diddington and Deene. His son married a daughter of Thomas Tresham, whose family was involved in the Gunpowder Plot.

There was a Francis Dorrington Rector of Warboys at this time; whether related to the John Dorrington mentioned here or not is a matter of conjecture.

Robert Aprece, of Washingley, was a Romanist and Recusant; but in 1585 Anthony Cage, Sheriff of the county, reports that 'he readily submitted himself to her Majesty's order, and promised to furnish two light horse'; while Henry Sapcotes, who was also a Recusant and relative of the above-mentioned Robert Sapcotes, was now residing in his own house near Lincoln.

The family came originally from Brecknockshire, but this branch had been settled in Hunts since the reign of Edward III. A daughter of this Robert Aprece became the wife of Thomas Cotton, of Abbots Gidding.

The Druells belonged to Abbots Gidding, and were



connected by marriage with the Taylards of Didding-ton.

Laurence Turkington belonged to an old family of Great Stukeley, in which parish descendants of his still own property. One scion of that family was rector of Wistow in the early part of last century, and two James Turkingtons held the rectory of Little Stukeley, their united tenures lasting from 1737 till 1813.

Robert Throkmorton resided part of his life at Warboys and part at Ellington. It was on a charge of bewitching his children that the three Samuells were burnt at Huntingdon in 1593.

The Baldwynes resided at Great Staughton. The family had come two generations earlier from Southampton. A descendant afterwards married one of the daughters of Sir Oliver Cromwell.

John Butler was of Everton.

A Robert Paine was living at this time at St. Neots, and another gentleman of the same name at Midloe. They were cousins, and both were of St. Neots.

Robert Audley was of Great Gransden, the manor having been granted to Henry Audley by Henry VIII.

Paul Luke resided at Hardwick.

Mrs. Jane Cotton was probably related to the family of that name at Conington and Steeple Gidding.

Robert Parys was of Ellington. His son Philip resided at St. Neots, and was a man of some note in the reign of James I.

Thomas Auder, or Awder, was of Somersham.

The Myllisents resided at or near Orton Waterville, of which parish William Millicent was rector in the latter part of the sixteenth century.

Edward Edwards was of Alwalton.

Thomas Castell, or Castle, was of Glatton. A member

of this family was a magistrate in the county during the Commonwealth, and was one of the justices before whom marriages were solemnized. The name still survives in Castell Sherrard.

Hatleys were to be found at St. Neots, Brampton, Great and Little Paxton, and Southoe.

Thomas Danyell was of Alconbury.

Thomas Jones was of Brington, to which place Robert Cawthorne seems to have belonged.

Thomas Ekyngs had property in Great Catworth.

John Pedley was of Abbotsley.

Yarwells were living at this time near Peterborough. The Bedells came from Northamptonshire about 1435, and different members of the family resided at Hamerton, Catworth and other places in this county, one who married Nicholas Calton of Needingworth was probably the Mrs. Calton mentioned on page 37.

Of the officers who served in Captain Wauton's company of infantry, it may be noted that he himself was descended from John de Wauton, who was a knight of the shire in Richard II.'s reign. He was knighted by James I. in 1604. So friendly were Sir Oliver Cromwell and Sir George Wauton that the former caused a monument to be erected to the latter's memory, which is now in Great Staughton Church. A relative of his, Valentine Wauton, married Margaret Cromwell, the Protector's sister, and a son of theirs was mortally wounded at the battle of Marston Moor.

There is a copy of a letter of Sir Henry Cromwell to this Mr. Walton, Wauton, or Waulton, as the name is variously spelt, which shows the footing of friendship on which the families stood :

‘ With my harty comend’cions to you. I do heare y<sup>t</sup>

you and your officers have taken great paynes with those uninstructed shotte [musketeers, &c.] which lastly wer appoynted to your band the tyme doth now draw on for godly exerceyse and men to use the church because y<sup>t</sup> is y<sup>e</sup> tyme of Ester. This tyme being finished I mean god willing to see the carfulnes of you and your officers in perfectnes of your honest soldiers wher I would wyshe the muster master to be, for y<sup>t</sup> he expecting wages for y<sup>t</sup> trust is comitted unto him, he myght lykewise performe his dutie towards the Queene and the Country to answere for their perfection in this service. And so at this time I bid you hartily farewell being desirous of your good company when your Leasure shall best serve. Ramsey this 9 of Aprill.

‘Yo<sup>r</sup> Loving frend,

‘HENRY CROMWELL.’

The Durants lived at Houghton or Witton; the Pratts at Orton Waterville, having come from Weldon, Northants; the Holcotts at Ellington; the Ashetons at Brington and other places. Matthew Marshall is mentioned as of Eltesley, Cambs, and of Sawtry, Hunts. The Neaves lived at various places in the neighbourhood of Peterborough. One in the eighteenth century, also named Timothy, was rector of Alwalton and Archdeacon of Hunts.

The Tryces lived at Godmanchester and Great Stukeley.

Then in Captain Cromwell's company, Oliver himself, afterwards Sir Oliver, was grandson of the Sir Richard Williams, *alias* Cromwell, to whom so many of the religious houses, with their possessions, were granted at the dissolution of the monasteries in 1540. He was afterwards knighted, and remained loyal to Charles I., though heavily fined by his nephew and godson, the Protector.

He died at the age of ninety-three, and was buried in Ramsey Church. John Williams was probably a member of the Welsh family of that name settled at Alconbury, not related to Sir Henry Cromwell alias Williams.

Richard Cervington was a relative of the William Cervington who was a Member of Parliament for the Borough of Huntingdon in the year 1584.

It is remarkable that the muster master is a Captain *Oliver*, and that Oliver is a family name of frequent occurrence in the St. John family. There may have been some connection between these two families.

The last Prior of Huntingdon was Hugh Oliver, who was afterwards appointed Rector of Broughton.

The money required to meet the extraordinary expenses of these military preparations involved special taxation, and was raised by 'Privy Seales,' *i.e.*, letters addressed to certain individuals, requiring them to supply a specified sum, generally £25.

---

The following is a list of those persons who on this occasion were called upon to contribute: John Bedells, of Hamerton, £50; and those whose names follow £25 each: Wm. Bedells, of Molesworth, brother of the above; Tho. Cordall, of St. Ives; Tho. Daniell, of Alconbury; Wm. Cervington, of Huntingdon; Tho. Saulter, of St. Neots; Tho. Marshe; John Pedley, of Abbotsley; Richard Godfrey, of the Hundred of Hurstingstone (probably Ramsey); Johan Calton, widow of Nicholas Calton, of Needingworth; Tho. Auder, of Somersham; Hen. Newman, of Needingworth; Rob. Gylate, of Needingworth; Kenelme Kent, Notarie Public of Hemingford Abbots; Rich. Draper, of Hemingford Grey; John Palmer, of Yaxley; Tho. Harll; Wm. Coney, or Toney, of Yaxley; Michael Beale; Anthonie Warde;

Owen Biggs ; John Cranwell (probably of Colne or Warboys); and Rob. Wells, of Ffolksworth.

Though the Armada was so completely defeated, preparations were made in England to resist another expected invasion. Twenty-four gentlemen of the county were required to furnish £25 each in the following year. A quaint letter on this subject was written by Sir Henry Cromwell, an extract from which is given below. It is addressed to Lord St. John :

‘ . . . Edward Hamerton is to be discharged for that he is overtaken with a Privy Seale in y<sup>e</sup> County of Cambridge hoping to have fallen to y<sup>e</sup> ground betweene two stools and so to have bene in both shiers forgotten : yett Contrary to his expectation he fell with the smelts fried with oyle out of the frieing pane into y<sup>e</sup> hote burning coales. The man is rewarded according to his owne desart. . . .

‘ Your Honors to command,  
‘ HENRY CROMWELL.’

On February 7, 1589, Sir Henry Cromwell issued orders to the Justices of the four Hundreds, in which he says that :

‘ . . . her majesty is given to understand of the great preparation made by the King of Spain not only of shipping but also of other warlike provisions with intent & purpose (as it is thought) to make some attempt this spring or summer . . . you must provide . . . powder-match & lead for bullets, carts horses Pyoneers . . . and your horses fully furnished with your servants before appointed, with such furniture of armour and weapons as appertaineth unto every launce light horse & Carbyne.’

These were to be reviewed on Saturday, the last day of February, at Huntingdon.

Then comes a letter from Sir Henry to Captain Wauton, asking him to have the infantry of the Hundred of Normancross mustered at Stilton on February 18, and those of Leightonstone at Spaldwick on February 19.

At Stilton he gave the following address :

‘My good neighbours and friends, the cause of our assembly here this day may seem strange unto you as well for that the warning is short as the matter rare to see musters in wynter, and in such unseasonable weather, but to make y<sup>t</sup> the less grievous unto you I will acquaint you with the causes which doth urge her majestie thus speedily to put all her forces in a rediness, who this 22 yeres by her princely care and policy hath kept you all in safety, so y<sup>t</sup> every one might yf he would, enrich himself by this long and happy quietness, y<sup>t</sup> we have enjoyed, whereas all the countreys about us hath beene in most pittiful sort afflicted with continual wares about the controversies of religion, while we to our great comfort have peacably had the glorious word of God most freely preached amongst us, the defence wherof is the chiefe cause y<sup>t</sup> should stirre us to prepare ourselves to withstand the enemy, who threateneth y<sup>e</sup> utter overthrow therof with the subversion of her Majesty’s dominyon and people, as y<sup>t</sup> was evidently showed at their last attempt where they brought halters to hang us, hete Irones to burne us in the faces . . . . meaning therby to work our utter destruction and that we shuld be no more a people of any memory, but our good God at that tyme confounded their devices and with his mighty and streched out arme did most meraculously deliver us.

‘Causing the seas to swallow them without any assystance of us, but he doth not always deliver his people by miracles, but rather trieth them by affliction, suffering some tymes very wicked people to be his instruments to punishe the offences comytted by his own people. Y<sup>t</sup> behoveth us therefore to reforme ourselves in y<sup>t</sup> we have bin both slack and necligent in comeing unto him, to here his word, and now before y<sup>t</sup> be to late earnestly to imbrace the same Lest for our Contempt he suffer us to be carried away captives.

‘The consideration of these things I dowt not will as well move you hereafter better to serve him as also now at this tyme present speedily to prepare yourselves Lyke good subjects with faythful and willing minds to defend her gracious Majesty, your country, wyves, and children, desiring you y<sup>t</sup> are the soldiers from tyme to tyme obediently to receave such instructions as the captaine or any other of his officers shall deliver unto you, y<sup>t</sup> the enemy may fynd you perfect and sufficient men, able everyway to answer them, who I can assure you are very expert and very resolut soldiers, and thus not dowing of your good and forward disposicons to take some paynes by continuall practis to attayne the weight and perfect use of your weapons I comytt you all to God.’

We may trace in the above the same mixture of devotional and military ardour that animated Sir Henry’s grandson, the Protector, half a century later.

No account is given of the state of the infantry on this occasion, but as to the cavalry, the report made to Lord St. John is as follows :

‘May it please y<sup>r</sup> good Lord, y<sup>t</sup> I have made a viewe of all the Lances, Light horse and Carbynes this last

Saturday at Huntingdon. Wher was not viewed eny horses or geldings of the knights. Some ther were very well appoynted but as for some wh. are noted in this schedule wer very bad and not worth the vyewe, so y<sup>t</sup> I surcease any further comande untill I do here further from your Lordship, ther be divers in the shire decayed and some dead, whereby her Majesties service is somewhat hindered. But having sent for some of the High Constables to confer with all how to gett this decaye renewed they have by good advise certified me of such sufficient men to help to remedy this charge, as by the schedule your Lordship shall playnly see. So y<sup>t</sup> yf you Lik of this course the armour and horses shall very soon be supplied, wher want is by your Lordship's good means to have more supplies, yf you like of eny other course I will be redy uppon further notice from your Lordship to perform according to your letters. The weather on Satterday was so terrible of snowe, y<sup>t</sup> it had bene like to have spoyled me. And thus sitting still untill I here further from your good Lordship I comyt you to God's mercifull protection.

Ramsey this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1589.

'Y<sup>r</sup> Ll. to comande,

'HENRY CROMWELL.'

The schedule referred to is as follows :

*Hurstington.*

Hen. Cromwell Kt.

W<sup>m</sup> Andrewes Esq, 1 lance 1 pet.

Richard Tryce Esq, 2 light horse.

Turkington Esq, 1 light horse.

Tho. Burgess g <sup>t</sup>	} 1 launce.
John Bert g <sup>t</sup>	
John Catlyn	



Tho. Awder g<sup>t</sup> } 1 launce.  
 John Christman }  
 John Hardinge } 1 light horse.  
 John Stones }  
 W<sup>m</sup> Cervington gent }  
 John Todd g<sup>t</sup> } 1 launce.  
 Naylor g<sup>t</sup> }  
 Tho. Castell g<sup>t</sup> } 1 light horse.  
 Rob. Tryce g<sup>t</sup> }  
 Rych. Cannon g<sup>t</sup>, 1 petronell.  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Cotton, 1 petronell.  
 Ffraunceys Ventris.  
 Tho. Cordall } 1 launce.  
 Harry Perry }

*Tosland.*

Rych. Dyer Knight.  
 Ffra. Cromwell Esq, 1 light horse.  
 Jo. Tonny Esqr, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse, 1 pet.  
 Ffra. Tansyt Esqr, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Nych. Swinborne g<sup>t</sup>, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 John Bawdwin g<sup>t</sup>, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 John Butler g<sup>t</sup>, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Edw. Payne g<sup>t</sup>, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Rob. Awdley will shewe none.  
 Pawle Luke g<sup>t</sup>, 1 pet.  
 Tho. Marshe g<sup>t</sup>, 1 lawnce.  
 Edm. Hatley, 1 pet.  
 Owin Biggs } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hatley }  
 Ryc. Mason } 1 launce.  
 John Pedley }  
 Tho. Salter } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Hen. Hubbard }  
 John Bearsley }  
 Ryc. Marrot } 1 launce.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Raven }

*Laytonstone.*

Henry Darcy K<sup>t</sup>.  
 Edw. Wingfield K<sup>t</sup>.  
 Tho. Worledge Esqr, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse 1 pet.  
 Hen. Druell Esqre, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse 1 pet.  
 John Bedell g<sup>t</sup>, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Calton } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Jo. Brokett }  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Ffarren } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Oliver Ffarren }  
 Tho. Ekins } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 John Browne }  
 Rob. Throgmorton, 1 pet.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Bedell, 1 pet.  
 Benj. Bayley }  
 Rob. Morton } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Cawthorn }  
 Tho. Daniell }  
 Rob. Cawthorn } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 John Hodson }

*Normancrosse.*

Rob. Sapcott Esqr, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse, 1 pet.  
 Rob. Bevell Esqr, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse, 1 pet.  
 Tho. Cotton Esqre, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Rob. Fforest Esqr, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse 1 pet.  
 Rob. Apryce Esq, 1 lance, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Xper Smyth g<sup>t</sup>, 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Rob. Millisent Esqr } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 John Raynor g<sup>t</sup> }  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Cardinall } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Edw. Edwards }  
 John Palmer } 1 l<sup>t</sup> horse.  
 Tho. Yarwell }  
 Anthony Ward }  
 with M<sup>r</sup> Lyne }  
 Land . . . }

The above list shows the proportion of cavalry contributed by the different hundreds, but the writer seems to have stopped abruptly before finishing the list of the Normancross hundred. It serves also to show in which hundreds the different persons lived, who, at the time, were of sufficient importance and wealth to have such an onerous charge laid upon them.

How carefully watch was kept as to strangers who might be spies is evidenced by the following letter, directed to

‘ The right honorable my very good  
Lord the Lord Highe Admyrall of England  
on of her highnes most honorable  
privy Councell—in Hast.

‘ MY VERY GOOD LORD,—I have received a pasport as y<sup>t</sup> is supposed from yo<sup>r</sup> Honor : I find some fault in y<sup>t</sup>: which is y<sup>t</sup> your Honor doth wryte the word *our* instead of *her highnes* which I seldom do fynd by any of your honor’s written in theis dayes: I beseche your Honor’s pardon me yf I misconster the graunt from you to this John Yonge whom I have stayed till advertisment from you : if I perceave but the Least word from you for his delivery y<sup>t</sup> shall presently be donne to your Honors contentment, hopeing your Honor will beare with my rude lettre as also my dealinge in this occasion which I hope shall nothing be disliking to your good Honor: unto whom I wyshe all felicitie with most great increase of Honour. Ramsey this 22 of Febru. 1589.

‘ Your Honor’s humbly to comande  
‘ HENRY CROMWELL.’

‘ *Postscript.*—Since the wrytting of this my letter the partie hath confessed this pasport was made by

himself, the seale he hath not, nor wher the seale was made as yett I cannot learne, the man is well appparelled hansom in personage well favoured and as y<sup>t</sup> seemeth by his demean<sup>r</sup> better brought up than he will confesse, and hath very lately com from beyond the seas.'

The following, which is among the Cromwell manuscripts, is interesting, as showing that the Treshams, one of whom was involved in the Gunpowder Plot, and died a prisoner in the Tower, were under suspicion twenty-seven years before that event took place :

'The humble protestation of my allegiance to her Majesty exhibited by me unto M<sup>r</sup> Doctor Pearne Deane of Ely and M<sup>r</sup> Doctor Legg vicechancellor of Cambridge and authorysed by the Lords of her Majesty's honorable pryvy Councell to receave the same of me S<sup>r</sup> Tho. Tresham knyght; now prysoner in the pallace of Elye.

'In y<sup>e</sup> simplicity of my hart, I do unfainedly protest before the Majesty of Almighty God y<sup>t</sup> Queene Elizabeth is my undoubted soveraigne Lady and Queene de jure et de facto y<sup>t</sup> her highness is supreme governor of this realme of England and all other the dominions belonging to the Crowne of England as of all her subjects within the same among which I acknowledge myself her hignes natyf Lyoll subject wherby I am religiously bounden in christian duty ever to doe or humbly endure her sacred will and for no cause whatsoever to be stered to lyft up my hande against her Majestie Gods anynted—but in all accions of defending her ryoall person from violence and preserving this realme and all other her highness dominions from invasion against all persons without exception be y<sup>t</sup> Prynce Poope, or Potentat whosoever

and under what cullar or pretext soever the same shall be attempted. I offer to avowe myself in so just and honorable a quarrell, therin to serve in parson and to spend my goods my Lands and my Life : fynally yf any shall attempt to murther wonde or hurte her majestie my rightius and reverenced gratius Lady and Quene that I in trew subjects wyse will to my uttermost might and ability persecut such wicked wreches to death, in faythfull testimony of all and ever the premisses, I have wrytten this with my owne hand and herto subscribed my name most humbly besiching the almighty to preserve this realme and all other her dominions and prosper her excellency in all fellicitye longe tyme to rayne over us all her faythfull subjects, who wyseth otherwyse God torne ther harts or els shortly send them shame and confusion.

‘Elye the 22 of October 1588.

‘Whose hand and hart herin agreeth,

‘THO. TRESHAM.’

We may echo the sentiments here expressed in words that the ‘Protestation’ itself brings to our minds, and putting Queen Victoria in place of Queen Elizabeth, pray :

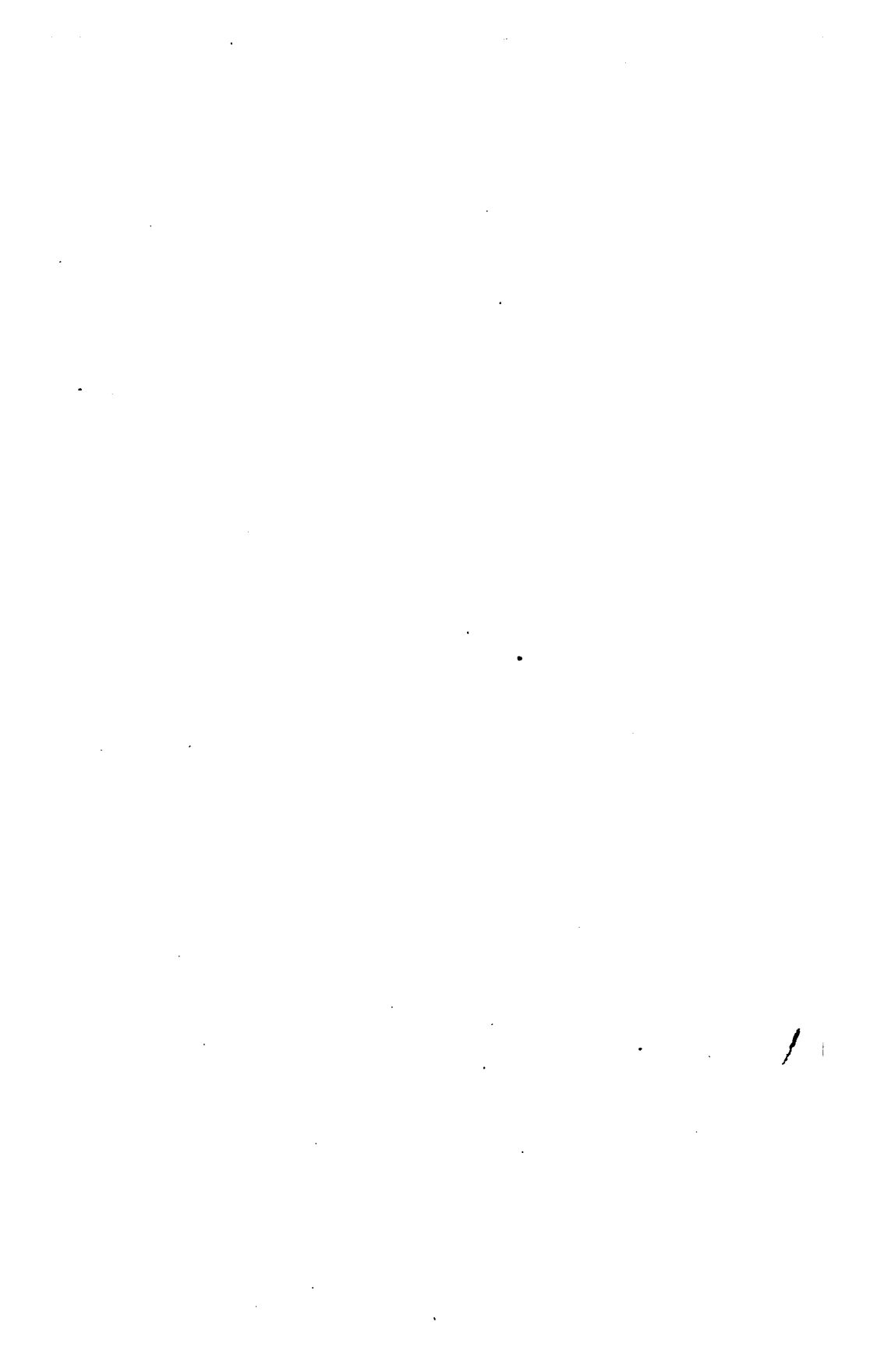
‘Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen !’



## INDEX.

---

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>Armada, 'Invincible,' 2</p> <p>    "    Object of, 9</p> <p>    "    First battle with, 22, 23</p> <p>    "    Starting of troops to meet, 25</p> <p>    "    Preparations to meet, 2 and Preface</p> <p>Beacons, 8, 13</p> <p>Bailiffs, warrants to, 24</p> <p>Cavalry, commander of, 4, 25</p> <p>    "    List of persons furnishing, 36, 56</p> <p>    "    Numbers of, 38, 39</p> <p>Chief Constables, warrants to, 14, 24, 25</p> <p>    "    "    Letter to, 22</p> <p>Infantry, muster roll of, 25, 40, 44</p> <p>    "    Numbers of, 39</p> <p>Justices, warrant to, 53</p> <p>Letters from Bishop of Lincoln, 11</p> <p>    "    "    Privy Council, 16</p> <p>    "    "    Sir H. Cromwell, 6, 7, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 51, 53, 55, 59</p> | <p>Letters from Lord St. John, 5, 10, 14, 19, 21, 22, 23, and in Preface</p> <p>Muster roll of Capt. Cromwell's company, 25, 44</p> <p>    "    "    Capt. Wanton's company, 40</p> <p>Notes of some persons mentioned, 47</p> <p>Officers of the county, 4</p> <p>    "    "    infantry train bands, 40, 44</p> <p>Privy Seals, 52, 53</p> <p>Proclamation, Royal, 8</p> <p>Protestation of allegiance (Sir T. Tresham), 60</p> <p>Queen's ordinary men, 39</p> <p>Recusants, list of, in county, 3</p> <p>Speeches by Sir Hen. Cromwell, 20, 54</p> <p>Summary of troops of all arms, 39</p> <p>Summons to Sir H. Cromwell's tenants, 18</p> <p>Warrant to justices and others, 14, 24, 25, 53</p> <p>Weapons, 25, note</p> <p>Uniform of troops, 23, 24</p> |
|--|---|













This book should be returned to  
the Library on or before the last date  
stamped below.

A fine of five cents a day is incurred  
by retaining it beyond the specified  
time.

Please return promptly.

APR 28 '42

DUE NOV 20 '46

DUE DEC 13 '46

DUE DEC 23 '46

129 62H